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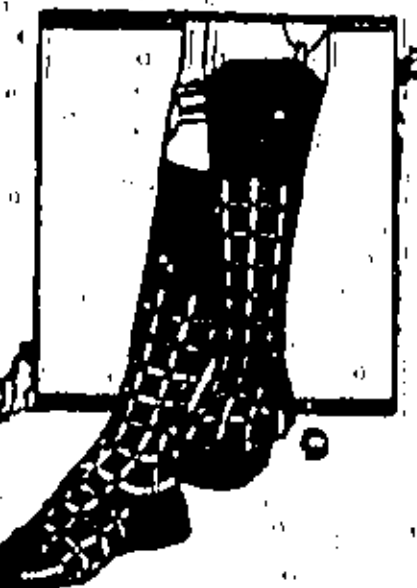
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Great Britain's China
Proposals.

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM.

Increased Customs Treaty
Revision.

London, Dec. 21.
Retidence is observed in authoritative circles in London as regards the Memorandum transmitted by the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking to his diplomatic colleagues, but it is pointed out that the benevolent attitude of Great Britain to the aspirations of the Chinese people for a revision of the present treaty situation has become obscured owing to the absence of a central Government in China which was a necessary condition for carrying out the programme laid down at Washington.

Therefore in the spirit of the Washington agreement, Great Britain has now submitted to the other Powers suggestions as to

"WAIT AND SEE."

Japan Papers and Canton
Recognition.

Osaka, Dec. 21.
The newspapers find space for Chinese news. Business men are watching developments at Peking. The "Mainichi," in an editorial on the question of recognition of the Canton Government favours a policy of wait and see.—Reuter.

guards the attitude which should be adopted on the question of the surtaxes and extraterritoriality.

It is declared that Great Britain has no wish to intervene in the civil war raging in China or to favour any party, but the Powers now confronted with the growth of national sentiment in China which necessitates a most careful review of the situation.

It is not believed that the Memorandum deals with the question of recognition, but primarily with the so-called Washington surtaxes, which in the view of the British Government should be granted as soon as possible for the benefit of the Provinces in which they are actually collected.—Reuter.

More Common Sense.

London, Dec. 21.
The "Manchester Guardian" declares that the Memorandum of the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking proposes that the surtaxes promised to China under the Washington treaties of 1922 should immediately be made operative throughout China, and the failure of the customs conference last year should be written off the diplomatic balance sheet.

The granting of additional customs is urged as a matter of common sense in view of the fact that the Cantonese authorities have already installed a second line of customs to collect precisely the difference between the old taxes and the new taxes promised at Washington. The Memorandum also urges that treaties generally should be revised so as to make them less unilateral and therefore less objectionable to Chinese feeling.

The Memorandum advocates immediate revision of the extra-territorial and judicial arrangements, declaring that the failure of the recent commission on extra-territoriality should be regarded as something irrelevant to the present position.

That failure was due to the impossibility then of obtaining representative Chinese views, but conditions have now changed owing to the ascendancy of the Kuomintang. It is proposed that the Powers should recognise the improvement in the Chinese judicial system.

In short the British proposals are that the diplomacy of the Powers in China should be brought up to date as has been done elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East since the war.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Rugby, Dec. 21.
Until the other treaty Powers have had an opportunity of reading the British memorandum upon the Chinese situation, London official circles continue reticent as to its contents. The newspapers generally

XMAS MAIL.

"Kalyan" Delayed Till
Sunday.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

When to Post Greetings in
Hong Kong.

Originally due here two days before Xmas the s.s. "Kalyan," bearing parcels and mail via Suez, was delayed in Singapore and her time of arrival postponed to Xmas afternoon. Owing to the strong monsoon encountered, the "Kalyan" has been still further delayed and, according to a message received from the Captain, she will not arrive in Hong Kong before 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Monday being Boxing Day, the postal staff had naturally hoped for a holiday but in order that recipients of parcels may be given an opportunity of getting them as soon as possible, it has been arranged for an early Monday morning delivery of letters in which will also be included parcel receipts. The Post Office will remain open from 8 a.m. to noon for handing over parcels.

The exact number of bags of parcels and mails brought by the "Kalyan" is not yet known but, from advance lists, it is estimated that there are 1,200 parcels.

Siberian Mail.

In addition to the Xmas mail brought by the "Kalyan," the "President Lincoln" came in on Thursday with 43 bags of mail from Europe via Siberia. Delivery will be made at the latest by Friday morning.

Xmas mail from America was brought by the "President Jefferson" which arrived in port yesterday evening. Delivery will be made in the course of the day. The postal staff have also to cope on Xmas day with the outgoing mail for Europe via Suez by the s.s. "Khiva" which leaves at noon.

On Xmas day there will be one delivery at 11.30 and on Sunday one in the afternoon (Chinese New Year day is the only day of the year on which there is no delivery by the Post Office).

Local residents wishing to send Xmas cards or greetings to friends in Hong Kong will catch the Xmas day delivery if they post up to 11 o'clock on Xmas morning (the earlier the better, of course, from the point of view of the Post Office staff).

Messrs. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd., have issued again this year their handy little calendar showing the dates for three months at a glance.

Generally, however, welcome the move taken as an effort to clarify some aspects at least of an extremely complicated situation, and to get back as far as present conditions allow to the proposals made at Washington nearly five years ago.

Although it contains definite proposals, particularly in regard to surtaxes, the British document is described here as a general exposition of the British attitude towards China, rather than a concrete scheme for a comprehensive settlement. It is emphasised that the memorandum must not be taken as a sequel to the recent conversations between Mr. Lamson, the New British Minister to China, and Mr. Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister. Its composition dates prior to those meetings.

No Attempt to Interview.
The "Manchester Guardian" says, "There is no suggestion in the memorandum that regional recognition will be given to any faction. It is a firm principle of the British proposals that no attempt be made by the Powers to intervene in China."

The "Daily Chronicle" recalls that the surtaxes proposed at Washington amounted to 2½ per cent. on ordinary merchandise and 5 per cent. on luxuries, and says the British view is that these might be now applied by each province in which they are collected to its local needs. Such a solution, the "Chronicle" adds, would treat all China with impartiality. It simply enunciates the principle, and leaves each effective authority to carry it out.—British Wireless Service.

COLONY'S MONEY.

\$58,000 More for 1926
Estimates.

OUR EXPENSE AT WEMBLEY.

2.1 2 Million Copper Cents From
Royal Mint.

Twenty-one items totalling \$58,793 are to be presented tomorrow afternoon to the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, to supplement the 1926 Estimates.

These are spread among a good many Government Departments. The highest is \$16,500. None other exceeds four figures and the smallest is \$50.

Eight of these votes can be met wholly or in part by savings from other sub-heads and explanations are given. Extracts are given herewith.

\$32,000 to Make \$25,000.
Under Miscellaneous Services, Loss on Copper Coins, \$7,000.—To replenish the dwindling stock of copper one cent pieces, an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins.

A part of this order has already been delivered and the balance is expected in Hong Kong this month. It is estimated that the cost of the whole supply landed in Hong Kong will be \$32,000 and as the value of the coin is only \$25,000 a vote to cover the loss is required.

The metal cost \$1,385-8-4; manufacturing and packing charges \$1,500-0-0; matrix and punch \$21-11-0; freight and insurance \$121-0-0—making a total of \$3,017-19-4, at exchange 1/10½, is equal to \$31,838; and there is \$125 for landing charges here.

Food in Hospitals.

In the Estimates, \$104,500 was provided and a supplementary vote

SUPPRESSED.

South Portugal Revolt
Over?

Nothing further is known at Lisbon of the revolutionary strike on the Sulesteste Railway.

The movement was started by employees of advanced views, who tried to carry the whole staff with them.

The movement is stated to have been suppressed owing to Government measures.

The papers here are censored. Reuter.
[A Lisbon cable dated Dec. 16, stated: It is reported that a military revolt has broken out in South Portugal. The Government has sent troops to deal with the rebels.]

of \$6,500 was made. A further \$6,000 is asked for.

The Estimates for 1926 were framed shortly after the commencement of the strike and boycott and it was not possible at that time to foresee what prices would be during 1926. When the tenders came in after the Estimates has been framed it was found that there was
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CRISIS OVER.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S
CONDITION.

THEATRES, OPEN AGAIN.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

The Emperor's condition warrants the belief that there is no immediate crisis. The members of the Cabinet, except the Premier, have returned to Tokyo to attend to urgent business in connection with the convocation of the Diet on the 24th.

All court functions and New Year celebrations, however, have been definitely cancelled.

Str. is More Lively.

Osaka, Dec. 21.

The good news from Hayama is reviving normal activities, in Osaka. The theatres have been open since last night. The streets are more lively and Christmas sales have been resumed.—Reuter.

A Bad Night.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

The Emperor's temperature rose last night. He was somewhat delirious and sleepless. Also he suffered from occasional coughing.—Reuter.

DEATH SENTENCE.

Shaokwan Murder Trial
Ends.

JUDGE'S OPINION.

Counsel Involves Witnesses in
Allegations.

The jury, after an absence of a few minutes, returned a verdict of guilty at the conclusion of the trial, this morning of the Chinese charged with murdering with an axe one of his fellow employees at a ship-building yard at Shaokwan.

His Honour, Mr. Justice Wood, expressed the opinion that they could have come to no other decision on the evidence and sentenced prisoner to death.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, counsel for the Crown, addressing the Court, said that he was unable to suggest a motive for the crime which it was his contention had been committed by the prisoner. No one, however,

could see the secret workings of another man's mind, and the motive might have been there. Prisoner's passions might have been inflamed by drink, and he did what he had been perfectly sober he would not have done, but that was not sufficient reason for the jury to acquit him.

A "Painful Position."

Dealing with the evidence of the men who had slept in the room on the night of the murder, counsel said that they were all honest and simple men. The jury would probably have been impressed, as he (counsel) was, with the straightforward evidence of the prisoner's own brother, who had been sleeping next to the murdered man and had awakened to find his brother with an axe in his hand and the deceased lying in a dying condition beside him. It was a painful position for a man to be in to have to give evidence against his own brother, and counsel suggested that he could have been actuated by no other motive than that of a desire to tell the truth at whatever cost.

Dealing with the condition of prisoner when arrested, counsel said that the prisoner was undoubtedly under the influence of drink, but what the jury had to consider was whether he was so drunk that he was quite incapable of forming any intention at all. The prisoner had been in sufficient possession of his faculties to find his way home and put himself to bed.

Drunken Man's Actions.

What, asked counsel, were the actions usually associated with a man so befuddled by drink as the prisoner had claimed to be in denying all knowledge of the incidents of the night in question? Would a man in such a condition rise from his bed, once having staggered there, go to another room, go downstairs, find an axe, take it upstairs and make an attack on a man lying next to his own brother? If it was a sudden fit of homicidal mania, why had he selected the man most difficult of access of all who were sleeping in the room?

In conclusion, counsel asked the jury to find on the evidence that the prisoner was the man who killed the prisoner and that he knew what he was doing at the time.

Counsel's Allegations.

Mr. T. Addis, counsel for the defence, suggested to the jury that the three men who had given evidence could not have slept in the same room in which such an attack was alleged had been carried out without having heard and seen something of it as it occurred. He suggested that they, including the prisoner's own brother, had something to conceal. What it was could only be surmised. It might have been a family quarrel as a result of which the deceased had been attacked by someone, he could not suggest whom.

Counsel maintained that the position of the wounds was inconsistent with the theory that the deceased had been attacked as he lay on the bed. He suggested that the deceased had been carried to the bed after the attack by someone other than the prisoner, and that the three other inmates of the room, having something to conceal, and knowing that the prisoner had returned in a drunken state from a debauch, had dragged him into it and invented the story they had given in court.

It was impossible, said counsel, for prisoner in the drunken state to which police witnesses had de-

HANKOW TROUBLE.

Unpleasant Incident
Averted.

APOLOGY TO CONSUL.

Ichang Reported Completely
Looted.

Hankow, Dec. 21.
An unpleasant incident was narrowly averted at 10.30 this morning when 300 Chinese soldiers tried to march through the concession along the bund.

They were stopped at the British Consulate barrier by marines. A large mob of coolies urged the soldiers to force their way through.

A corporal of marines patrolling outside the barrier was attacked by four soldiers and fell back on the barricade which the marines lined, and as the soldiers loaded their rifles they loaded their machine guns, at which the soldiers dispersed. The mob remained jeering at the marines. It is understood that the local

SOVIET ENVOY.

M. Kopp Not Returning to
Tokyo.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
An official announcement that M. Kopp, the Soviet Ambassador, is not returning to Tokyo has been received, but the Soviet has not yet intimated the name of his successor.—Reuter.

Chinese authorities have tendered apologies to the British Consul.

A wireless message from Ichang states that soldiers have completely looted the city. Foreign property up to the present has not been touched.—Reuter.

BIAS BAY.

CANTON TROOPS ENGAGE
IRREGULARS.

Hostilities between Nationalist troops and a small body of "anti-Canton" guerrilla soldiers are, it is surmised, holding up the Nationalist Government military expedition which was to have operated on land, right down to the British frontier.

This was gleaned yesterday from a statement by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), in an interview with the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" (Industrial and Commercial Daily Press).

It will be recalled that Mr. Wolfe paid an informal visit to Canton with Captain H. F. Bloxham, A.S.P. (who is in charge of the Indian guards under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance).

Mr. Wolfe told the pressman that the Hong Kong Government deemed it inexpedient to give immediate information to the public.

The project, of course, was spontaneously suggested by the Nationalist Government and the authorities in Hong Kong were only too pleased to co-operate as far as possible.

The 18th division of the Nationalist Army was quartered at such places as Ping Shan and Sha Tau Kok, near the New Territories.

The troops who arrived first at Kwai Chung and Sha U Chung were now fighting with "irregulars" under General Lo Kwan, an adherent of General Chan Kwing-ming.

Pirate strongholds were at Fan Lo Kong, Ping Hoi and Tai Pang and it was not known if the 18th division intended to clear out Lo Kwan's troops and then go on to these places, or else subdue the military opposition and then go on to Waichow.

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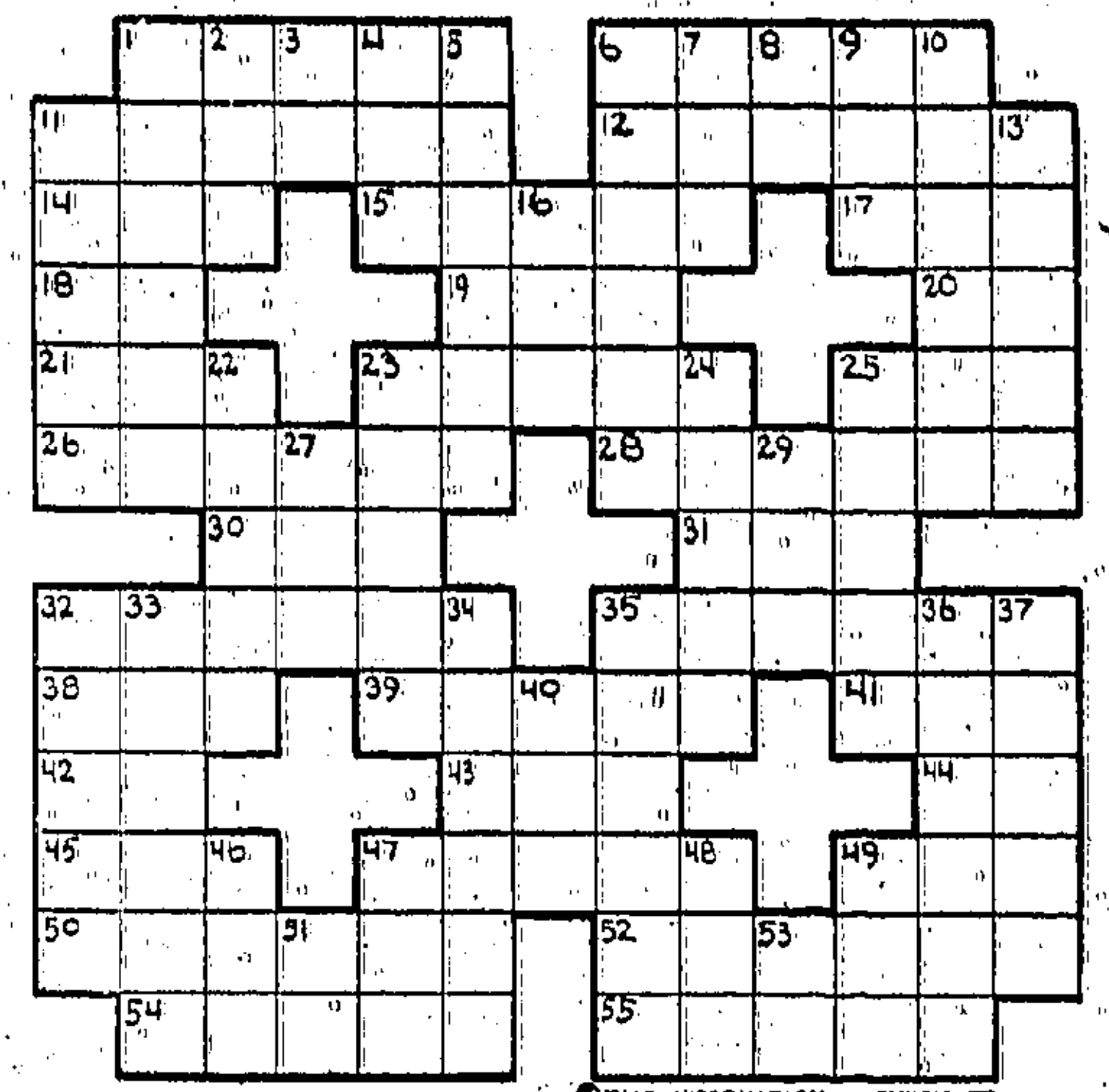
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

**HORIZONTAL**

1-Rapture
6-Harmonious combination of tones
11-Gain
12-A radio term
14-Dine
15-To ward off
17-Owing
18-Average (abbr.)
19-Lid
20-British America (abbr.)
21-Receipt (abbr.)
23-A drain
25-Lair
26-Swapped
28-Accost
30-National Education Association (abbr.)
31-By way of
32-Frown
35-Kitchen utensil
38-Gained
39-A dress material
41-Edge
42-Diminutive suffix

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

43-Sport
44-College degree (abbr.)
45-A liquor
47-Slops
49-Broad street (abbr.)
50-A mark to be shot at
52-An account book
54-Prepared
55-Projecting edge of a roof

VERTICAL (Cont.)

11-Lively (colloq.)
13-Incline
16-Noley argument
22-Dignitary of the Anglican Church
23-Cross up
24-A bird
25-Demise
27-Moisture
28-Decorative equipment
32-Paraphrase
33-A neck-band
34-Security
35-To light
36-Foliage of a tree
37-A live coal
40-A large cask
42-Before
47-Place for repose
48-A wave (Naut.)
49-Era
51-Southeastern State of U. S. (abbr.)
53-God willing (Latin-abbrev.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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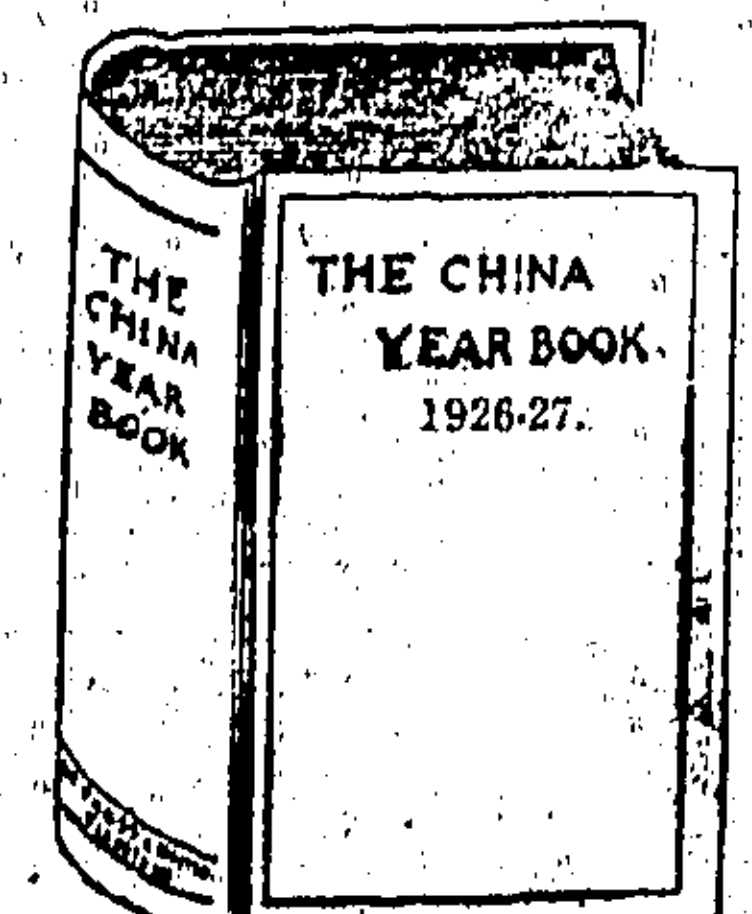
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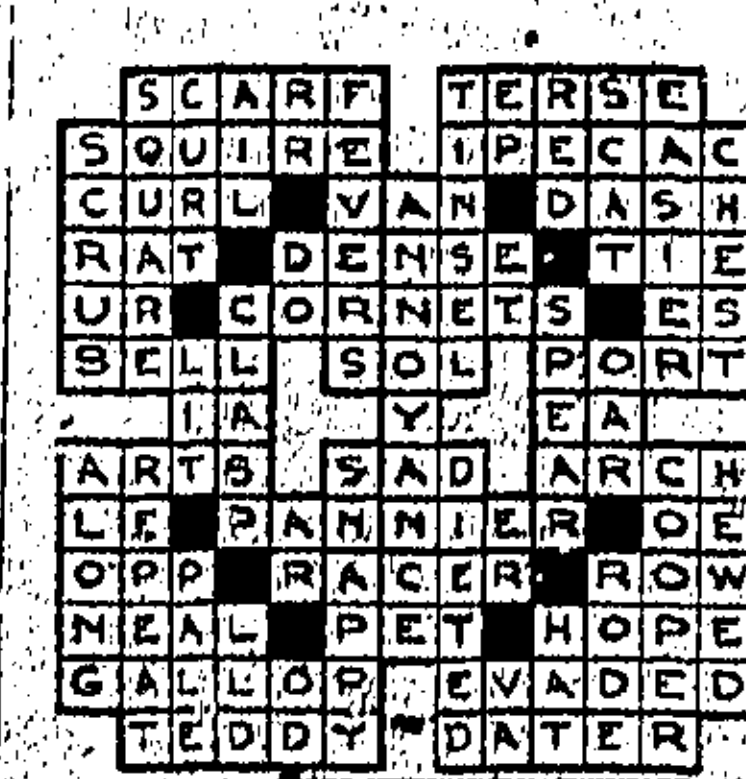


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MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Saturday, 26th December.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOHRO MARU Tuesday, 23rd December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 28th December.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Friday, 24th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAWANA MARU (From Koolung) Monday, 3rd January.
JAPAN PORTS
SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.
AMAZON MARU Sunday, 9th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 23rd December, 9 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 26th Dec., 10 a.m.
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TAKAO & KEELUNG.
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

British: Hydrangea from Fort Bayard, Leesang from Canton, Nanning from Shanghai, and Dany, Huichow from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, Kyaisang from Tsingtao and Swatow, Hohong from Foochow and Swatow.

Dutch: Tjikini from Batavia and Amoy, Van Cloon from Amoy and Swatow.

French: General Metzinger from Yokohama and Shanghai, Raymond Poincare from Canton.

Japanese: Tango Maru from Yokohama and Nagasaki, Mexico Maru from Osaka and Moji, Taikwa Maru from Haiphong and Hoihow, Seattle Maru from Calcutta and Singapore, Kaitan Maru from Keelung.

Chinese: Tak Hing from Au Tau.

American: President Jefferson from Seattle and Shanghai.

Norwegian: Helios from Bangkok and Swatow.

Departures.

For Hoihow: Fuk Tai.

For Swatow: Nanning, Haitan, Leesang, Huiching.

Canton: Unkai Maru No. 3.

For Saigon: General Metzinger, Nanchang, Yunnan.

For Guizhou: Cheongshing.

For Ma-lau-chau: Kwong Foo.

For Hongkong: Tai Tak, Dai-fuku Maru.

For Amoy: Kungchow, Sui-yang.

For Shanghai: "Formosa".

For Singapore: Samatra Maru.

For Tarakan: Adma.

CLEARANCES.

For Haiphong: New Mathilde.

For Amoy: Fu Chuan.

For Moji: Cheribon Maru.

SHIPS IN PORT.

British 27
American 1
Papua 1
Norwegian 5
Danish 1
Japanese 10
Chinese 18
Dutch 7
Portuguese 2
French 1

Total 71

Yesterday's arrivals 18 (British 6, Japanese 5, Norwegian 1, Chinese 1, Dutch 2, French 2, American 1).

Yesterday's departures 18 (British 9, Japanese 3, Chinese 3, French 1, Portuguese 1, Swedish 1).

SHIP STORES AUCTION.

A large quantity of ship's fittings, stores, etc. will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammet Bros. at 2.15 p.m. tomorrow, at Nos. 18 and 19, Connaught Road Central, the premises of A. Kwai & Co. (in bankruptcy).

STEAMER DAMAGE.

Port Said, Dec. 21. It is possible damage has been done to the cargo in No. 3 hold of the "Koning Inder Nederland" from Batavia to Amsterdam, owing to a defective drain pipe below the water line.

The damage has been temporarily repaired and the steamer is proceeding on her way.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from Hong Kong arrived London on December 18, at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 21, at 4 p.m., and is due here on Dec. 24, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai yesterday, at 2 p.m., left Shanghai today, at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 24.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port yesterday, at 10 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Dec. 26, at about 10 a.m.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

On arrival here from Fort Bayard to-day, the s.s. "Hydrangea" reported: strong northerly wind and stormy sea.

Coming here from Amoy (sailed December 20) and arriving here at 1 a.m. to-day the "Tjikini" reports sighting two junks floating upside down in Lat. 22.43.30 N., Long. 116.10.2 E.

ETONIAN JAILED.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE'S FATAL STRUGGLE.

A notable murder trial at the Kent Assizes, Maidstone, has ended in the acquittal of Alfonso Smith, an Etonian, and a wealthy Irish Canadian ex-officer of the Fourth Dragoon Guards, aged 37, charged with murdering his friend, a fellow Etonian, John Derham, of Canterbury, aged 34, an international rink hockey player, who was shot dead in the drawing room of Smith's at Whitstable on August 12.

Derham who was separated from his wife became a frequent caller from Christmas onwards at Smith's flat at Herne Bay. Smith became jealous and in July created scenes. Mrs. Smith took a house at Whitstable on July 26, with a young sister at which Derham was a frequent visitor. Smith arrived on August 12, and quarrelled with Derham, but on the same evening the trio had a champagne supper at a local hotel.

They returned to the house and quarrelled and Derham was shot. Died in Street.

He staggered into the street where he died. Smith's sister-in-law was in bed during the quarrel.

She described hearing a shot and rushing down and seeing Derham sitting on Smith on the floor and striking him on the head with a revolver butt.

Defending, Sir Edward Marshall Hall read remarkable letters from Smith to his wife showing that Smith was desperately attached to his wife. Smith admitted wanting to commit suicide, but denied touching the trigger.

He demonstrated how he was about to sit down in the drawing room and intended to withdraw the revolver from his hip pocket for convenience. Derham sprang upon him and the revolver went off during the struggle.

12 Months' Hard Labour.

The prosecution suggested that Smith first shot Derham, who then endeavoured to secure the revolver. Mr. Justice Avory, summing up, said if a man pulled a trigger with the intention of committing suicide and killed accidentally someone else he was guilty of murder.

The jury was absent for two hours and ten minutes.

Smith pleaded guilty to carrying arms with intent to endanger life, for which he was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

At 11.33 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased considerably from N.E. Japan to the Bonins, moderately over S. Manchuria and slightly from Guam to Yap. It is nearly stationary over Indo-China and has increased slightly elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.25; temperature 47; wind N.E.; force 3; weather overcast.

"NAUGHTY DOG."

The methods of supplying dogs and cats to hospitals for vivisection purposes are being subjected to a searching analysis, following the conviction of a dog-stealer, who sold dogs to University College.

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CAUSE OF COLDS.

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Many colds can be cured, is the cheerful statement of Dr. C. Noel Davis, Commissioner of Public Health, Shanghai, who in his report for October deals with colds, flu, bronchitis and other sure signs of the approach of winter and the rush for thick flannels.

The fall in temperature, the lessened amount of sunshine and the increased amount of indoor life, are all contributory causes, to these winter ills, he states. These lead to diminished resistance and increased susceptibility to infection. Bad ventilation is the commonest predisposing cause of "colds." The atmosphere in many rooms and in most crowded halls and theatres is stuffy, warm, stagnant, moist and germ-laden, and the result is congested, swollen, respiratory mucous membranes, covered with thick secretion and highly susceptible to infection.

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In badly ventilated rooms, the head is often hot and the feet are cold, but the feet should be warm and the head cool. The ideal conditions are "cool breezes blowing round the head, the radiant heat of the sun, and warm ground to stand on, out-of-doors."

A great many "colds" can be prevented by healthy exercise in the sun and open-air, by sleeping well covered up, but with open windows; by avoidance of ill-ventilated and over-heated rooms; by keeping the body and feet warm during sedentary occupations; by wearing warm, but light and loose clothing; by an ample but simple diet, with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables; in a word, by leading a life of "physiological righteousness."

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 13	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Jan. 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 25	Feb. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 18	Mar. 18
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 8	Apr. 8
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	Apr. 29
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 20	May 20
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 10	June 10
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 1	July 1
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 22	July 22	July 22

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MIRZAPUR	6,715	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,455	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MORRA	10,918	30th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	2,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANPURA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACDONALD	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,455	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
KALWA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MORRA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles and London

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TAKADA	8,949	31st Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	8,949	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	1st Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	8,956	4th March	Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	28th April	
TANDA	8,956	3rd June	

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TAKADA	8,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MORRA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,455	10th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	13th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
NAGAPUR	5,283	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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FASCINATING PRESENTMENT.

Dr. Darroch was the speaker at the meeting of the Literary Department of the American Women's Club, Shanghai, Mrs. Earl Cressy taking the Chair, and a very interesting lecture was given on the evolution of the Chinese characters in their writing.

Lantern slide pictures were shown and Dr. Darroch explained the different signs and symbols as they were in old times and how they had changed until they reached the present form; somewhat different, although some have been preserved for over 4,000 years many of the original characteristics.

At first the conveying of his thoughts by means of pictures was easy to the ancient writer, for he kept to things which he could see and feel, such as the sun, the moon, the hills, water, men and animals but it was when he found the need of expressing something not concrete he must have been hard put to it to find a suitable design. For instance, perhaps he wanted to express brightness or lustre. There was no material subject alone to give his meaning, and so to show his thought he drew a picture of both the sun and the moon shining together, the brightest things that he could think of and the character is almost the same to-day.

The Spirit of Invention.
In the same way when he wanted to use the verb to see, then, unknown, he decided that to see clearly one shades the eyes with the hand; and accordingly drew a character composed of a hand over an eye. Later the ancient writer wished to express "enmity" or "great misfortune" so, returning to the idea used in the first example he took the two greatest enemies of man, fire and water and joined them together. There were many illustrations of this sort and all of them were very interesting as each character was portrayed in four stages of its growth, from the time it was first invented and seeing these together one could easily connect the different strokes of the brush to construct the desired word.

After these simple characters those of a more composite nature were explained which, though a little more complicated and difficult to follow in places, were yet very interesting to the audience, and included some amusing notes on the ways of the Chinese fortune teller and how he reasons his prophecies. Then after a few more explanations as to how the Chinese writer arrived at his definition of the word "good," shown by the picture of a woman and a child the lecture was ended and the meeting, after a very enjoyable afternoon, broke up.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

PROPOSED SANATORIUM IN
MANCHURIA.

LUNG COMPLAINTS RIPE.

The proposed establishment of a sanatorium for consumptives, together with the one now maintained by the S.M.R. Co. at Beppu Hot Springs, Japan, has been objected to by the Prefectural authorities concerned. There is how a plan afoot to open a sanatorium for consumptives somewhere in Manchuria staffed with competent specialists, so as to save many lives that might otherwise have been wasted away. While the above scheme has not yet materialised, S.M.R. Co. people seem to feel in duty bound to provide some such relief alike to the Company's servants and outsiders. South Manchuria has hitherto been looked upon as a bad place for one susceptible to a lung complaint. In the absence of statistics for the general public, the figures prepared by the Company's Sanitation Office for 1924 and 1925 may be quoted, by which returns 52.2 per cent. of the total invalidated was from consumption.

BRAVE INDIAN BOY.

Delhi, Dec. 2.—Lahore.—The certificate of the Royal Humane Society, over the signature of the Prince of Wales, has been granted to an Indian lad of ten for his gallant action in plunging into the seething waters of a mountain current and rescuing his sister.

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BRAZIL AS OUTLET FOR
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The importance of Brazil as an outlet for Japanese emigration and a great virgin area for the investment of capital so that the Brazilians may properly exploit it was stressed by Mr. Shichita Tatsuki, formerly Japanese Ambassador, at Rio de Janeiro, who has recently returned to Japan, in an address at the Pan-Pacific Club's luncheon at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo.

"During my three years' residence in Brazil," Mr. Tatsuki said, "I was satisfied to find that our economic interests are as closely bound up with those of Brazil as with other countries with which Japan maintains friendly relations. More especially from the point of view of the emigration question, I can affirm that there is no country which presents a greater importance for us than Brazil. Brazil, with her enormous area and her inexhaustible natural resources, has not the sufficient man power needed for their exploitation. And Japan, with her overflowing population can, with great facility, provide the necessary assistance."

"Moreover, as regards Brazil, the supply of capital is a subject of equal importance," Ambassador Tatsuki continued. "Have we not already seen capitalist countries like Britain, France and the United States of North America, and so many others in the West, lending their financial assistance to Brazil in order to enable her to turn to advantage her invaluable but unexploited riches? Why should not Japan follow the example of these countries in this respect? Why should we not put our surplus capital at the disposal of Brazil as well as our overflow of man power? Besides, to utilize to the utmost the capabilities of our emigrants, they also will require our financial assistance."

"I hope, therefore, that this country will not neglect to take into serious consideration this question of introducing Japanese capital into Brazil concurrently with the encouragement of emigration—capital which is necessary no less for the exploitation of the riches of Brazil than for the progress of our Japanese colonists in that most hospitable and kindly land."

"In this way, Japan can contribute to the economic development of Brazil, and draw, at the same time, from the products of the fields and forests of that country, so highly favoured by nature, the raw material necessary for the industries which happily have made such rapid progress of late in our country—a progress on which we cannot but congratulate ourselves."

BRAKES FAIL.

SIGNALMAN'S PRESENCE OF
MIND.

AVERTS TRAIN DISASTER.

London, December 2.—The remarkable presence of mind of a signalman at Colburn, Swanssea Valley, in twice diverting a runaway goods train, averted what would have been a serious disaster.

The goods train was descending the gradient overlooking Craig-y-nos Castle, the home of the late Madams Patti, when the brakes failed and the train dashed towards the junction on the main line where a passenger train was due.

The signalman promptly diverted it to a branch line. Here another passenger train was due. The driver and the fireman of the goods train leapt clear, but the signalman in the nick of time again diverted the goods train to a siding where it crashed. The guard was not hurt.

MODERN MAGIC.

HUMAN VOICE FROM A PIPE
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BRITISH SCIENTIST'S MIRACLE.

An audience at the Regent-street Polytechnic listened spell-bound to Sir Richard Paget's experiments for mechanical reproduction of the human voice.

Sir Richard Paget used bellows, connected to a short length of organ pipe. The mouth of the latter was arranged to represent the vocal chords of the human voice, which the experimenter cleverly manipulated with his fingers, until it imitated the varying resonances in the cavities of the human mouth formed by the throat, palate, and tongue.

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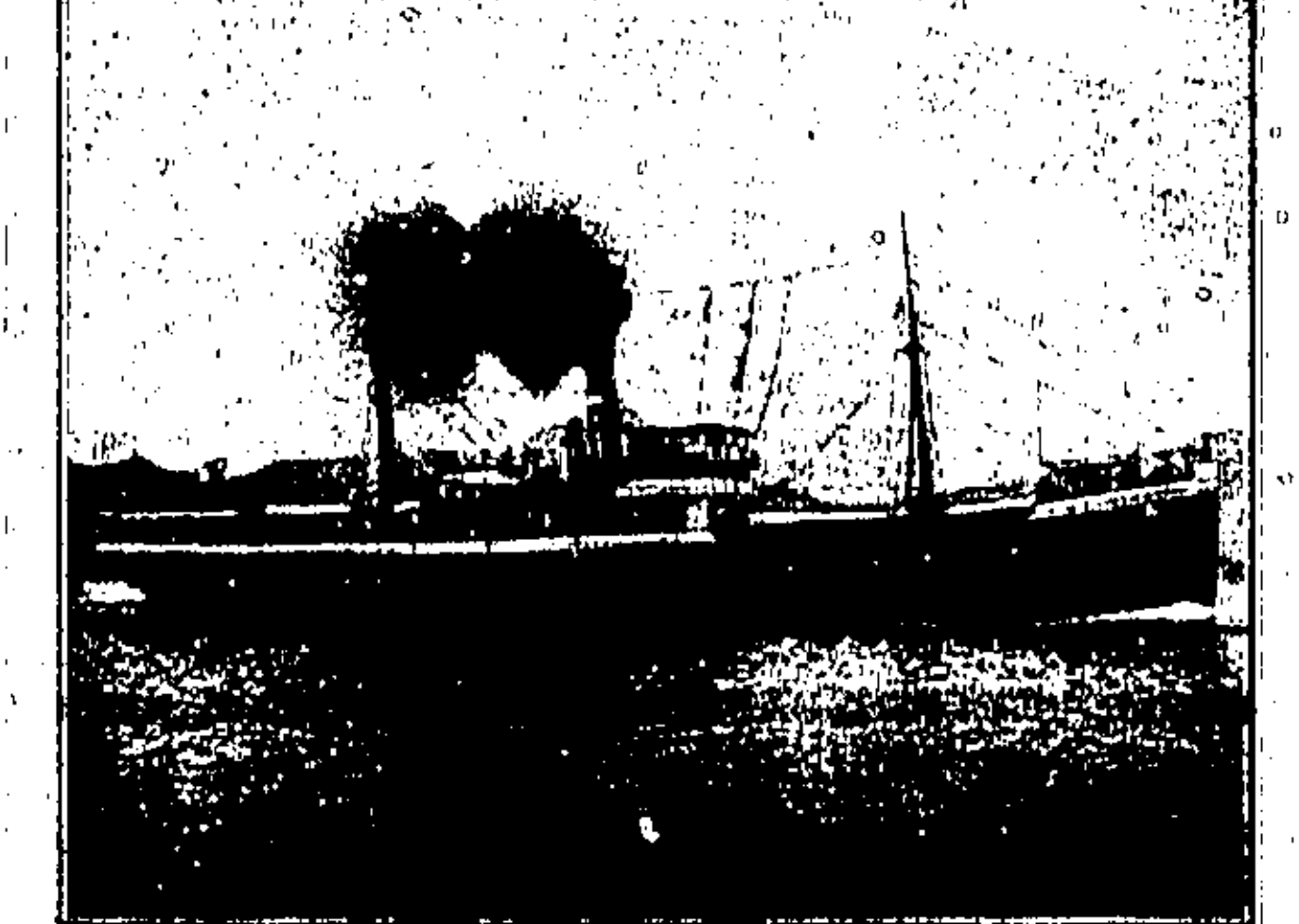
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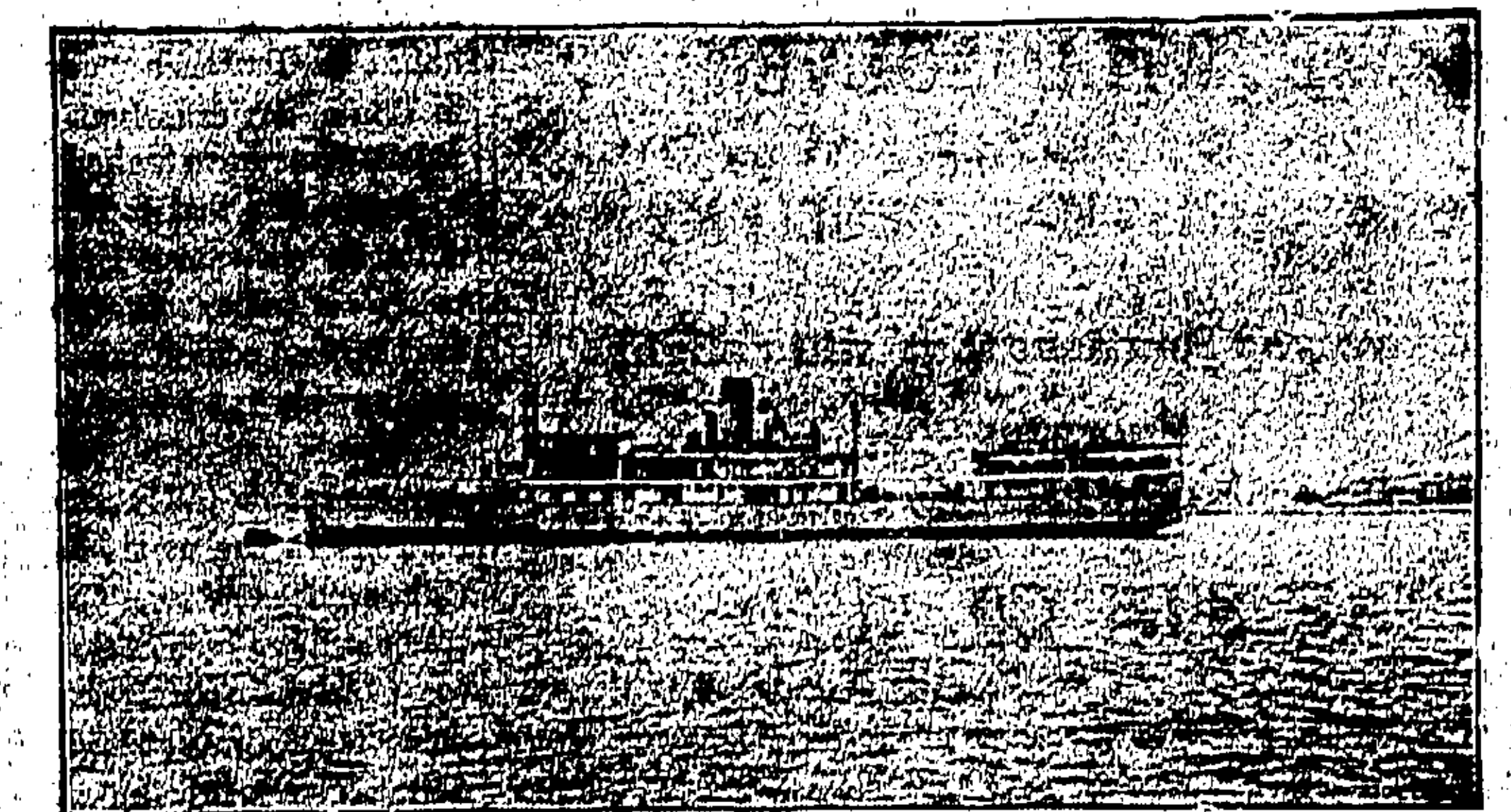
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DEATH.

VIVIAN.—On December 16, 1926, at Sea, James Vivian, Shanghai Gas Company, aged 47 years.

A "NEW" POLICY.

It is not to be wondered at that official circles in London are reticent regarding the British memorandum handed to the foreign Ministers in Peking. Naturally all the Treaty Powers must have an opportunity of considering the document fully. Until their views thereon are communicated to Great Britain it would be premature to discuss any single proposal either on the assumption that it meets with the unqualified approval of all concerned or that it is bound to be brought into operation.

As a matter of fact, whilst the memorandum has been widely hailed as Britain's "new" policy in China, an examination of the details that have leaked out serve to emphasize that it is merely an effort to galvanise Britain's old policy—a policy that has been built up and consolidated throughout the years; a policy founded on the spirit of the Washington Agreement; a policy at once harmonious to the sentiments of the Chinese themselves. That opportunities have been lacking hitherto to give full effect to such policy surely cannot be laid to the door of Great Britain. That both the Extraterritoriality Conference and the Tariff Conference proved more or less a diplomatic "wash out" cannot be blamed solely on Great Britain. Any policy of any of the Treaty Powers premised a strong Central Government with whom to discuss and negotiate. China's own weakness in this important respect cannot be misconstrued as a flaw in British policy.

The British document is described in London as "a general exposition of the British attitude toward China, rather than a concrete scheme for a comprehensive settlement." Here is confirmation not of any "new" British policy but of a reiteration of "old" British policy plus a quest for a lever wherewith to raise some of the main planks of that policy to the sphere of practicality without any undue loss of time. Far from any desire to meddle with or intervene in China's domestic affairs, Great Britain is animated only by a desire to help China to help herself in accordance with the provisions of the Washington Agreement. In exploring the possibilities of accelerating a reform scheme Great Britain reveals herself once more as a true friend of China—in thorough keeping with her recognition of Chinese aspirations and ideals.

Church and Advertising.

We were interested to notice on the front page of a Shanghai contemporary a large displayed advertisement in connection with the Bishop of London's visit to the Northern Settlement. Perhaps that institution which stands to gain most from a paper's news and publicity service is the Church. Among the more conservative there is still some prejudice against this form of publicity. They feel that the display advertising of a church is undignified and inconsistent with the church spirit. This belief probably comes largely from a misconception of the real function of advertising. New advertising is merely giving through the use of the printing press that information and incidental commendation which must be given in order that people may avail themselves of a commodity or a service. The substitution of printed for spoken words is necessary when large numbers of people are to be addressed. Advertising of a kind appropriate for church announcements is more dignified than some of the methods resorted to by non-advertising churches, and the fact that advertising is now being introduced by the national bodies in Europe and America of some of the leading denominations probably ensures that this prejudice will soon pass away. By no other method can the church carry its message to so large a number of people. It can attract new attendants and retain the interest of present ones. Moreover, we think we are right in saying that experience has shown that the advertising outlay is often more than made up by the plate contributions of additional people who are attracted by the advertisements. The church, like the distributor of a commodity, seeks to get people to do a thing which it is to their advantage to do. The church has the same task of selecting from the public as a whole those individuals who are responsive to an appeal, attracting their attention, awakening their interest, stimulating their desire and moving their wills. That churches are destined to turn to advertising is as certain as the fact that they have something which many people would want. The churches are exactly where thousands of manufacturers and retailers would be to-day without advertising. They occupy big plants with heavy overhead expenses but with small output. The most expensive thing about a church is an empty seat, for it costs no more to prepare a service for a houseful than for a handful.

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FERRY "CRUSH."**PLANS FOR GREATER COMFORT.****ALTERATIONS BEGUN.**

Plans are in hand for alterations at the ferry which it is hoped will prevent to a great extent the impeding of outward and inward traffic. Entrance and exit points are to be clearly defined by barriers and immediate access to the gangway when embarking will be made by a gate at a point much nearer to the seaward end of the wharf than at present. These disembarking will land in a similar manner to that provided for under the existing system.

The ticket office will be on the right hand side of the "fairway" and incoming and outgoing passengers are asked to keep to the right between barriers.

Whereas, previously, passengers clustered at the gate closely adjoining the present ticket office, the urge will now be towards the end of the wharf and reconstruction is now in hand for an extension of the wharf by 30 feet to allow protection for waiting passengers.

ORDERS DISOBEYED.**LIENSHING PASSENGERS' FOLLY.****EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY.**

Shanghai, Dec. 21. "It was owing to their disobedience of instructions that passengers lost their lives," declared Captain Simpson, at the Naval enquiry into the loss of the s.s. "Lienshing," held at the British Court this morning.

Capt. Simpson stated that he had made 68 trips between Tientsin and Shanghai without having had an accident.

He left the bridge at 2.15 on the morning of December 12, and went below. On returning at 3 a.m. he found the course had been altered. He went to get bearings at 3.50, but there was not any time for this as the vessel struck the rocks 3 to 4 minutes after the second mate had reported rocks on the port bow.

The second officer, Mr. J. W. Macabe, stated to the Court that, contrary to the Captain's standing order, he had not informed the latter of the vessel's changed course.

The hearing was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

PANAMA CANAL.**PENDING UNITED STATES TREATY.**

Washington, Dec. 21. The text of the treaty pending between Panama and the United States is published. If the treaty is ratified Panama will be bound to co-operate to the utmost to protect and defend the Canal, and if a conflict breaks out to consider herself a joint enemy with the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

22,000 MILE FLIGHT.

San Antonio, Dec. 21. With the twofold object of demonstrating the friendship of North, South and Central America and awakening interest in commercial aviation, five Army aeroplanes, under the command of Major Dargue have left on a 22,000-mile flight around South America.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MADEIRA ESCAPES.

Funchal, Dec. 21. The earthquake has not affected Madeira.—*Reuter.*
[A cable dated September 19 stated:—A great earthquake shock of three seconds duration was experienced to-day in Lisbon and Madeira. Considerable damage was done in Lisbon. There was much alarm but no casualties. There is no news as to the effects of the earthquake in Madeira.]

STORY OF A BRIBE.**CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN WARDER.****MAGISTRATE DOUBTFUL.**

The usual crowd of Chinese locking-on was absent from Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, its place being taken by a multi-coloured be-turbaned audience of Sikh warders, watchman and other Indians.

The attraction turned out to be a charge against an Indian warder serving at Victoria Jail.

Mr. J. W. Franks, superintendent of Prisons, prosecuted and Mr. C. McCallum defended the accused who, it is alleged, attempted to bribe a European officer when charged with a breach of the prison regulations.

Mr. Franks informed the Court that the defendant had been charged before him with giving a prisoner in the printing shop certain envelopes to print on what was apparently Government paper. A second charge had been framed on a statement made by the defendant to Warder Collins, namely that it would cost him \$5 if reported and that it would be better if Warder Collins took the money instead. He, Mr. Franks, had regarded the matter as being too serious to deal with himself, hence it had been brought into Court.

For Whose Benefit?

Mr. McCallum said that he thought that the Ordinance presupposed that it must be for the benefit of the prisoner. This might be a case of breach of prison discipline, but he did not think that it came within the spirit of the regulations.

His Worship: I see. Your point is that actions declared illegal must be for the benefit of the prisoners?

Mr. McCallum said that he felt that this was a case which should be dealt with by the prison authorities themselves.

Mr. Lindsell said that he would hear evidence.

Evidence.
William M. Robertson, Assistant Chief Warder at Victoria Jail, said that the defendant had been reported to him by Warder Collins.

His Worship: This is not evidence. Call Warder Collins.

Warder Collins said that he was on duty in the jail printing shop when he saw a Chinese prisoner handling some envelopes. He got hold of the prisoner, whereupon the defendant approached him and asked him not to report the matter. Defendant said to witness: "If you report me, I shall get fined \$5. More better you take it."

Mr. McCallum: Does it not strike you that your interpretation of his English is your English? According to you, he speaks English as well as you. You don't vary even the grammar. Nevertheless that is what he said.

Witness, in answer to further questions, agreed that defendant spoke English as well as the average Indian warder.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Franks said that the defendant held the "1st English" certificate. Re-called, Assistant Chief Warder Robertson said that defendant spoke English well.

Mr. McCallum: In all fairness to the man, do you say that his English is so proficient that he could speak as well as Warder Collins?—I don't say that he is proficient. I am prepared to admit that.

Defendant, in the witness box, admitted ordering the prisoner to print the envelopes, but denied having offered the "European" warder \$5.

His Worship said that he did not think the verbal offer of a bribe was sufficient for him to convict the man. He would like to hear what Mr. Franks had to say with regard to the first charge.

Mr. Franks said that he thought the regulation was framed to prevent trafficking. It was most improbable that a prisoner would take the risk unless he was to get a quid pro quo out of it. It was not easy to detect a case against a prison officer and the authorities wanted to make an example of it. That was why, in spite of certain disciplinary powers invested in him as superintendent, he had brought the matter into Court.

His Worship said that he would like to consider the matter. He would give his decision on Friday at 2.15.

Ball was allowed as before.

TODAY'S DOLLAR

The floating rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/16.

COLONY'S MONEY.

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a general all round increase in the price of provisions, etc. This amounted to 23 per cent. In fact of this it was decided only to give the contract for the first six months of the year in the hope that prices after this period would have fallen. This however was not the case and the Government was obliged to renew the contract till the end of the year.

The supplementary vote of \$6,500 taken in August was entirely for the Peak Hospital and had nothing to do with the general hospitals.

Hong Kong at Wembley.
Under British Empire Exhibition, \$18,500 is asked for. The explanation given is:—

The estimated expenditure for the Wembley Exhibition, 1925, was \$25,000 sterling on Expense Account and in addition an advance of \$100,000 (repayable) was made on Trading Account.

On Expense Account \$22,968-15-0 has been drawn to date by the Exhibition Treasurers, and \$5,197.63 has further been disbursed by the Colonial Government. The full \$100,000 Trading Account was advanced, and \$80,000 only has been repaid to date. It is anticipated that a further \$10,000 will be recovered. To close all outstanding accounts including the settlement of the balance of the Trading Account a final sum of \$15,500 is required. The unexpended balance of the vote of \$25,000 namely \$17,024 having lapsed in 1925 the sum now asked for is in the nature of a re-vote.

"Sunning" Expenses.
The "Sunning" piracy has also resulted in a vote being asked for. Under the heading of Police, secret service, \$1,000 is asked for "further anticipated expenditure."

In the Estimates, \$8,000 was allotted for secret service. On July 22 a further \$8,000 was voted owing to expenditure being heavier than was anticipated due to exceptional circumstances.

Of this \$16,000, \$14,301.64 had been spent up to Nov. 30. For December, another \$1,000 is needed, leaving a balance of \$688.36.

The "Sunning" piracy will cause expenses amounting to about \$1,700 so that the additional \$1,000 is now being asked for.

Some Other Items.
Under Personal Emoluments are the following:—Attorney-General's Department \$540, office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry \$370.

Partly due to the opening of new stations and additional rented quarters and partly to the installation of a battery charger for the wireless set at the Water Police Station, Kowloon, \$8,800 is needed for the Police Force, under "other charges, lights and electric fans."

For the Volunteers, \$700 is requested to meet "uniform, including boots."

Cost of Police Regulation Books is down at \$3,546. In constructional works, there are the following:—P.W.D., Kowloon distributing mains, improvements and extensions \$3,000; Port works, further reclamation at Shamsui \$7,500.

WUCHOW'S STRIKE.**HONG KONG SHIPS STILL GOING.****THE RIVAL PARTIES.**

In spite of the general strike which began last week-end at Wuchow (the West River port) and which is stated to have been settled on Monday, Hong Kong steamboats are still going there with cargo and passengers.

Yesterday the s.s. "Kwong Ying" and "Kwong Fook Cheung" left Hong Kong for the usual ports but it is understood that they have instructions to wait at Samahai for further news before going on to Wuchow.

The necessity for caution is due to the West River Seamen's Guild allegedly siding with the Wuchow city Party of the Kuomintang (with which the Labour Unions are sympathetic). On the other side are the Wuchow district Party of the Kuomintang, peasants, students, military and police.

The Effect on Shipping.
Armed police pickets are on duty in the city and an under-current of uneasiness prevails.

The District Party and their allies demand the deportation from Wuchow of three prominent members of the city Party and the Labour Unions threaten a general strike again.

Accordingly, it is felt that the arrival of Hong Kong steamers at Wuchow during a crisis would be inopportune owing to the possibility of crews having to leave in sympathy with the general movement and the boats being tied up indefinitely at Wuchow.

PEAK "FAIRIES."

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AT SCHOOL.

LADY CLEMENTI'S PRAISE.

Speaking of her schooldays, prior to distributing the prizes at the Peak School to-day (held in the Peak Club), Lady Clementi said that she and her school-mates only thought of the work they did themselves without thinking of the teachers' part.

After what she had seen this morning, she now realised that the teachers had a great deal more to do with the result than was supposed.

Lady Clementi remarked that the Peak School must have had a fairy to assist them as they made such wonderful fairy frocks for the display.

"Extraordinarily Well."

Here it may be mentioned that the "fairy" in question, who takes such interest in the Peak School, is Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, who did a great deal towards making the school's display a thorough success.

Parents and friends turned up in large numbers as did other Peak residents.

Lady Clementi was accompanied by Miss Williams and the Misses Clementi. Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English Schools, read the report and thanked Lady Clementi for giving away the prizes. He said that the school had done extraordinarily well. The display had been very, very good. That the children had been well taught in their drawing was evident from the lovely programmes they turned out. The wonderful show provided was a credit to the staff.

A Fine Display.

Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, was an interested spectator. Among others noticed present were Prof. L. Forster of the University, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle (Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral and the Peak Church), the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School), Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (hon. secretary of the Peak Residents' Association) and Mrs. Hornell.

Before the actual distribution of prizes, the children acquitted themselves well in a fine display that bore the hall mark of sympathetic training.

The programme and prize list are given below, each of the happy youngsters being greeted with applause on receiving their prizes at the hands of Lady Clementi.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for the year 1926 of the Headmistress (Mrs. P. Y. Stark) was presented as follows: Attendance.—The School year began on Jan. 4 with 52 pupils and closed on Dec. 23 with 54 pupils.

Health.—Many children have been kept away from school, from time to time, with influenza colds. One case of infectious disease was notified—chicken-pox. The School was thoroughly disinfected and no other case occurred. Dr. Minett medically examined the children with good results.

Staff.—Miss Peck, acting Headmistress, gave over charge to Mrs. Stark, former Headmistress, on Jan. 7. Mrs. Lambert joined the staff on Jan. 5. Miss Birt went on leave on Feb. 6. Miss Peck resigned and went home on March 24. On April 26 Miss Buckwell joined the staff.

Work.—Twelve children were presented in June for the Royal Drawing Society's preparatory examination. Ten out of the twelve passed, four of whom got honours.

The class work and examination work in all subjects have been satisfactorily done throughout the year.

The children gave a Display of singing, dancing and recitation in the Peak Club during the Easter term and it was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it. We were to have given the same display again on July 22 in aid of charity, but the bad rain storm and typhoon forced us to postpone it. Meanwhile the money gathered by the children was handed over to Mr. Copley Moyle who sent it home for the upkeep of a cripple child. Those who bought tickets for that display have been asked to come to this one instead. The children have also worked for charity in the M.C.L. Club held at the Mount from May to September.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—Class 10:—George Cardwell, Peter Cornaby, Robin Hall, George Piercy, Peggy Lambert, Joan Bloomfield, Jean Blackwell,

"SAIKUNG" ROBBERY

CONTRADICTIONS BY INDIAN GUARDS.

JUDGE CENSURES WITNESS.

At the resumed hearing this morning of the case against five Chinese charged with complicity in robbery about the a.s. "Saikung" and the murder of an Indian guard, a Chinese elder of the Tan Wa Wan village gave evidence as to five men calling at his store and leaving three rifles.

Witness was unable to identify any of the prisoners but stated that his eyesight was very bad, his eyes having been damaged by a dynamite blast some years ago.

As an example of his defective vision, witness said that he could not see counsel's table (in the court) at all clearly.

Mr. H. S. Lo (counsel for the defence) said that witness, according to evidence given previously, appeared to have noticed what the five men in question were carrying all right even if he could not see their features.

His Lordship interrupted and remarked that in his own case he could see certain rifles clearly which were in the court as exhibits but he could not see the features of Mr. Gordon Leask (solicitor instructing counsel).

One of the Indian guards who was aboard the launch at the time of the attack gave evidence, stating that he was standing with his back to the stairs leading to the bridge when he was seized from behind and thrown overboard.

Asked whether he could identify any of the prisoners, witness said that he could not. Just before he was thrown overboard he caught a glimpse of five men with revolvers behind him. He could not recognise them.

Another Indian guard was called and gave contradictory statements of what had happened, stating that he had his rifle with him when attacked and that he held on to it until he was struck and rendered insensible. He dropped to the ground and jumped overboard when he saw the police launch.

Witness was censured by His Lordship who told him to think before he spoke and not to speak before he thought. Witness must not use his imagination. He had already contradicted himself several times.

Half way through the examination of this witness, Mr. Dyer Ball said that he did not think it worth while to proceed any further with him.

The case is proceeding. [At yesterday afternoon's hearing, counsel for the defence suggested to a witness that the deceased Indian guard had been accidentally killed by the other guards in the course of a struggle with the robbers.]

Daphne Macready, Robin Henderson, Catherine Sherry, Charlotte Sanger, Hugh Featherstone, Anne Marcel, Paul Hofstede, Amy Hofstede, Anne Forster, Pauline Gray for General Proficiency.

Class 9:—Elaine Conant, Betty Noll, Hele Forster, James Dallin, Margaret Rod, David Wallace, David Crook, Malloch Stark, Richard Cassidy, Harold Conant, Freddie Rodgers, Creswell Clementi for General Proficiency.

Class 8:—Margaret Forster, Class Prize 1st; Shiona MacKichan, Class Prize 2nd and Drawing certificate; Robert Rodgers, Class Prize 3rd; Edward Rodgers, Class Prize 4th; Helen Lindsell, General Improvement; Bobby Yates, General Improvement.

Class 7:—Nancy Hornell, Class Prize 1st and Honours, Drawing certificate; Heather Hance, Class Prize 2nd and Drawing certificate; Betty Conant, Conduct Prize and Drawing certificate; Barbara Hance, Drawing certificate.

Class 6:—Muriel Gubbay, Class Prize 1st and Special Prize for Neatness; Marion Lane, Class Prize 2nd, Honours, Drawing certificate and Special Prize for Scripture; Mary Chesterton, Class Prize 3rd and Drawing certificate; Edward Bullock, General Improvement; Morley Horder, Drawing certificate; Joyce Kearney, Honours Drawing certificate.

THE PROGRAMME.

The programme of entertainment provided by the students comprised:—

Play.—La Belle au Bois Dormant, with dance Tableau.

Song.—"Ten Little Nigger Boys" and "The Elf and the Dornmouse."

Dance.—Irish Jig.

Songs, etc.—Times Dance; Spinning Tops; Playmates.

Recitation, etc.—From "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Song Tableau.—Xmas Tree.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

POPULAR SOCIAL FOR SERVICES.

PLANS FOR XMAS.

A merry Christmas, and good luck in the New Year to all Y.M.C.A. members. How often one hears in Hong Kong the cry, "it is not like Christmas out here!" It is better, we think, for first of all there is the delightful climate at this time of the year, and then there is the Y.

The members have issued invitations to friends in the Services, and it is certain that there will be a large gathering at the special mid-day Christmas dinner on Saturday, which will be followed by a soccer match against H.M.S. "Hawkins," and a hockey match against H.M. Sub. L.S.

These matches will start at 3.15, and we are very grateful to the H.K. Hockey Club, and the Kowloon F.C. for so kindly lending us the grounds. Later on, after tea, there will be billiards and ping-pong tournaments held, supper being served from 7.30-8.30.

Friends in the Army and Navy are asked to accept an open invitation to the concert starting at 8.30. Refreshments are provided.

On Sunday, the Secretary will speak at the Quiet Hour in the Lounge at 9.15 p.m. on the subject of the Christmas message.

Boxing Day Tramp.

Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27th, all members cannot go to Fanling, owing to various handicaps, or even to the Kowloon Golf Club, so why not join in the proposed tramp up the Lion Rock? The scenery is gorgeous, and tiffin free on arrival! Members please note. Friends are also invited.

There is always, as a last resort, the Library, replete with all the Christmas numbers, that have arrived at the opportune moment.

Last Thursday, the Y.M.C.A. met at Waterloo. It possesses many advantages, but one thing that it did not possess last Thursday was sufficient accommodation for the members of the Services who availed themselves of the invitation to the Social given in their honour.

Nevertheless, the evening proved a huge success, thanks to the work of the Social Committee who had arranged a very good programme, which included items by some of the guests, and also a very creditable performance by members of H.M.S. "Hermes" band, which was deservedly encored.

Sir Alan Cobham was out-fown when the Flying Y took to their "wings" last Saturday. There are more ways than by aeroplane of flying round Hong Kong, as the Y.M.C.A. knows. All that is needed is a motorcycle, or even a Morgan might do. It is also imperative to have enough to pay for your tea!

To-night the Y.M.C.A. billiards team play a team from H.M.S. "Tamar" at 8.30 p.m.—Contributed.

"TESS" AT QUEEN'S.

FAMOUS THOMAS HARDY'S STORY.

BEAUTIFUL ENGLAND.

Although not quite what one might have expected, with its modern setting and happy ending, the film version of Thomas Hardy's famous novel, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," yet makes an excellent movie play, with some splendid acting and more than one tensely dramatic situation. The mere fact that the picture has the first National imprint and was produced by Marshall Nellan would alone guarantee its merit, but the further fact that the leading roles are filled by Blanche Sweet (as Tess), Conrad Nagel (as Angel Clare) and Stuart Holmes (as Alec D'Urberville) puts in the front rank of the season's productions. The story is too well known to need recapitulating here—does it not belong to the literature of all time?—but mention must be made of the fact that the outdoor settings have all been filmed in the actual Wessex country of the story. Thus the picture is specially attractive for British cinema-goers inasmuch as it shows some delightful glimpses of old England, not the least striking being Stonehenge in the early morning. A glimpse of London, grey and smoky, is welcome too.

Besides "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," the programme at the Queen's Theatre to-day offers several other interesting items, the first of which (at 5.10 and 9.20 p.m. only) is an excellent violin solo "La Ronde de Lutin" by an accomplished performer in the person of Mr. Conrado de la Cruz, who is the composer of the "Empress of Australia March" played by the Queen's Orchestra as an overture. The other items are a Gaumont graphic depicting news events in mail week, and a Prizma-Colour film—quite one of the best yet screened—showing the manifold beauties of Torquay. This programme will be submitted for the last time this evening, the picture for to-morrow being "The Man on the Box" with Syd Chaplin in the leading role.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH.

SHIP'S OFFICER FINED.

A loss of temper, following allegations of the theft of a gold ring and \$30 at a house in Lyndhurst Terrace in the early hours of this morning, had its sequel at the Central Magistracy later in the day when Alfred Lewis Clark, a junior officer on the s.s. "President Jefferson" was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with causing wilful damage to a hall stand, mirror and two panes of window glass, the property of the Russian occupant of the house.

Complainant said the damage done amounted to \$60.

Asked by His Worship whether he admitted the charge, defendant said that it was true, but he did not know how the complainant had arrived at the amount.

His Worship: How is the damage assessed?

The sergeant who arrested the defendant said that the things were "smashed to atoms." Defendant had used a poker.

His Worship: Surely \$50 is excessive?—That is what the lady says. I should put it at \$15.

His Worship: What was it all about?—The defendant says that they would not let him out and that he lost a ring and \$30. He was not intoxicated when he arrived at the station, in fact, he was perfectly sober.

His Worship: Why did you do it?

Defendant: I was ushered into another room. I was going out when I found my dragon ring and the balance of my money had gone. I naturally inquired about it, but they ridiculed my questions. The girl, however, admits seeing it on my finger.

His Worship: Can the complainant produce any evidence to support her claim for the amount of the damage? I cannot believe that \$60 is a fair amount.

The complainant said that \$50

KOWLOON THEFT.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR SNATCHER.

LADY WHO GAVE CHASE.

The third bag-snatching episode to occur within forty-eight hours had its sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged before Mr. Schofield with snatching a hand-bag from Mrs. Butler, of Glenholme, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, when that lady was walking down Des Voeux Road, Central, yesterday evening.

Complainant said that the bag contained \$202. She immediately gave chase and the man was caught a few yards down the road by a Chinese who came to her rescue.

In reply to the Magistrate, defendant said that he had nothing to say.

His Worship sent the man to jail for six months with hard labour and ordered him to receive twelve strokes with the birch.

SEPOY CHARGED.

Sepoy Pola Ram, of the 5/2 Punjab Regt., appeared at the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with the attempted murder of an Indian officer in the same regiment.

The alleged attack is stated to have been made with a hatchet at the Punjabis' quarters in November.

After the prisoner had been charged and pleaded not guilty a jury was empanelled and the case adjourned until this afternoon.

was the sum she had been told to assess the damage at.

His Worship (to defendant): You are fined \$10 and in addition to that, you will pay the complainant for the damage. Can you find the money?

Defendant replied that he could.

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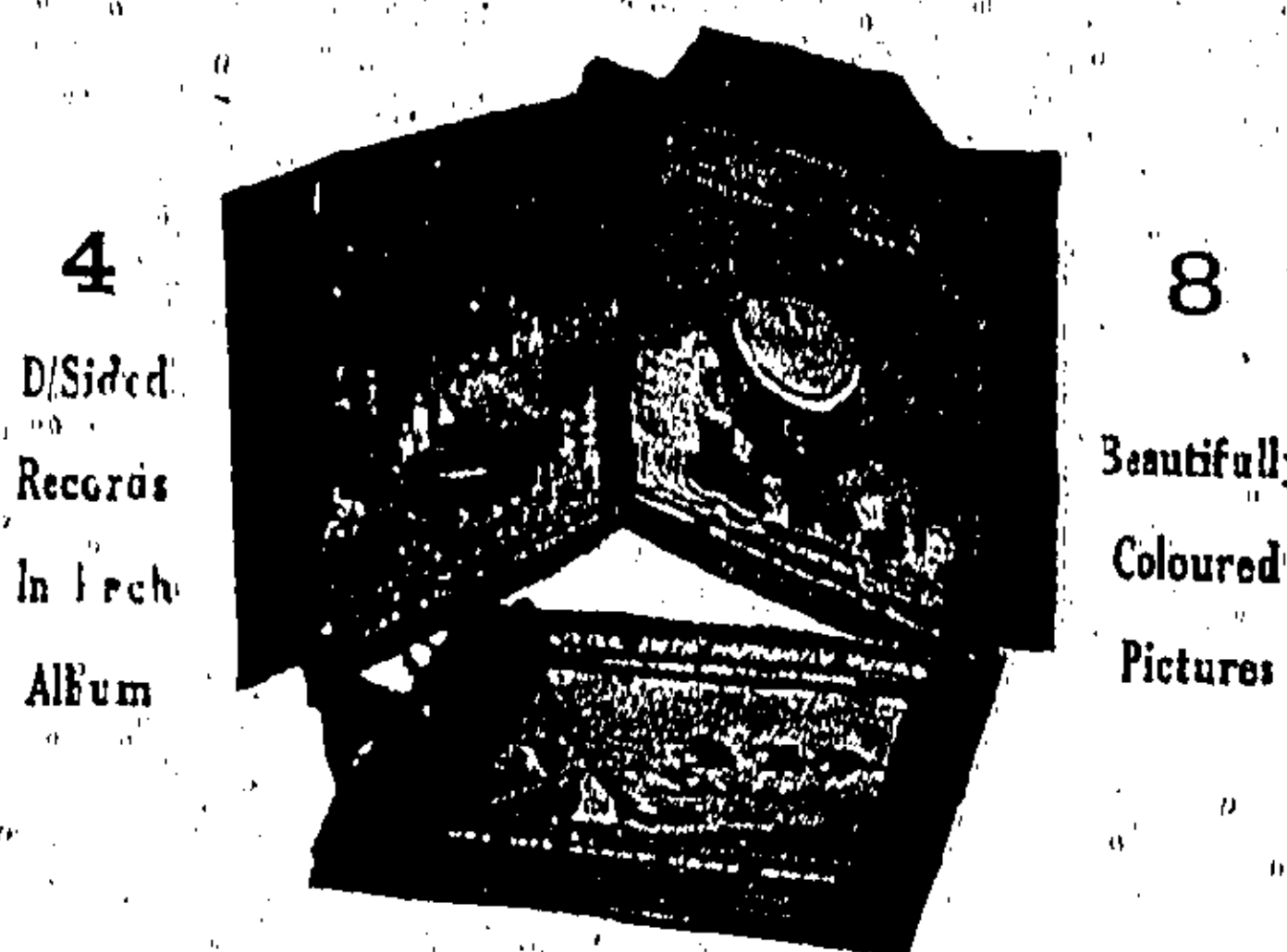
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1 pt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. V. de Pato Sherry
2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Engstrand's XXX Brandy
1 pt. Peppermint G.P.	1 qt. Amontillado Sherry
1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
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available this year.

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At the Peak Church, Holy
Communion will be celebrated on
Christmas Day at 8 a.m.—Adv.

On Monday the Colony had a
cloud bill of health, no case of notifi-
cable disease being returned during
the 24 hours.

During the Christmas holidays,
the local exchange banks will be
closed for the transaction of public
business on Saturday and Monday.

A report has reached Central
Police Station that a small matchbox
in the Chinese cemetery on Mount
Davis was destroyed by fire, on
Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Clark, Headmistress
of Victoria British School, extends
an invitation to friends who may
care to be present at the open Day
and Sale of Work at 10.30 a.m. to-
morrow at the School.

Three Chinese charged before
Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon
Magistrate's Court yesterday, with being in
unlawful possession of two daggers,
were remanded in custody for a
week, bail being refused.

Mr. Ho Leung, Comptroller of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., reported to the Police yester-
day that a clerk of his had absconded
with about \$3,000, which he had
collected from various shops on be-
half of Mr. Ho Leung.

At Messrs. Komor & Komor's,
St. George's Building, there will be
a two weeks' exhibition of pearl
necklaces, brooches, rings, &c.,
brought by Mr. Kodaka, the whole-
sale pearl merchant, from Japan.
Inspection is cordially invited.

The first of a series of Christ-
mas entertainments was given at
the Royal Naval Theatre last night
by the ship's company of H.M.S.
"Vindictive". The programme will
be repeated to-night and to-morrow
night, the concert beginning at 8.45.
The programme includes songs,
dances, instrumental music, old sea
songs (introduced during the sup-
posed voyage of a ship appropriate-
ly known as the "Skylark," and a
sketch. There was an appreciative
audience last night, the numbers of
which were rather thinned by the
counter attraction of the boxing.

A Congregation will be held at
the University on Jan. 11 for con-
ferring degrees. Tea is to be
served at 4 p.m. and the degree
ceremony follows at 5 p.m.
Academic dress is to be worn.

On Tuesday, the following
cases of notifiable disease occurred
in the Colony:—one of diphtheria
from Kowloon and another from
Aberdeen village; one of enteric
fever (typhoid) from the city dis-
trict. All patients are Chinese.

Wall Street estimates that
Christmas gratuities will amount
to between thirty-five and fifty
million dollars. The banks had
a prosperous year and are giving
the same as last year, while the
Stock Exchange has not done so
well and is giving smaller gratui-
ties.

A German expedition fin-
anced by the Ethnological In-
stitute at Leipzig and led by the
anthropologist, Baron Von Eick-
stedt, is en route to India and
Ceylon to study the customs and
lives of primitive tribes, particu-
larly in Travancore, Malabar and
the Himalayas.

The Tokyo Municipal Coun-
cil has decided to start public
works in the city with Yen 160,
000 in order to relieve the unem-
ployed in the winter season. It
is understood that the number of
those who are to be relieved of
unemployment will be about 2,000
persons.

A monkey that eats, and
evidently relishes, matches, popu-
larly supposed to be highly poison-
ous, is owned by one of the officers
aboard the destroyer "Pillsbury".
A favourite sport of members of
the crew is to toss unlighted
matches to the simian, who
promptly devours the heads.

Two Japanese found gambl-
ing in a house in Hannan Road,
Shanghai, were sentenced to 20
days' imprisonment in the Mixed
Court. The two men were ar-
rested with a third Japanese
named Kubo, who was being
sought by police for the alleged
theft of 15 rolls of cloth from
Tamaya and Company. Kubo is
being held for examination.

The F.M.S. Government is ad-
vertising in the "British Medical
Journal" for a second radiologist.

The Stahl town councillor
and chief editor of the "Social
Republic" has been sentenced to
seven months' imprisonment for
a libel on President Hindenburg.

Smarting under the rigid dis-
cipline of the New Governor,
Colonel Hales, the convicts of
Parkhurst Prison mildly mutinied
on November 28, singing the
"Red Flag" and smashing the
windows of their cells.

* THEOSOPHY *

"Some Aspiration in Theosophy"
will be the subject of this week's
PUBLIC LECTURE of the Hong Kong
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A new association entitled
"The Association of the Citizens
of the Shanghai Special Admin-
istration Area" has been estab-
lished in French town, where the
"Three Province Co-operative
Society" is also situated.

To-day is the Winter Sol-
stice, the shortest day of the year.
It is called "Tung-chih" in Chinese
(Mandarin pronunciation) and is
one of the four general business
settling days in the Chinese calen-
dar. It is also a holiday for the
Chinese Maritime Customs.

Five men, one of whom dis-
played a pistol, when they broke
into a Chinese house, 384 Dent
Road, Shanghai, proved not to be
sufficiently terrifying to keep
three women quiet. When one
of the women gave tongue, the
robbers fled in dismay, with no
more booty than \$3.30 and the
old lady's imprecations deafen-
ing their ears. By way of re-
taliation, two shots were fired,
but even these failed to stop the
flow of words. The police got
the alarm, but the robbers were
travelling too fast.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death is announced of
Major-General Sir H. Fielden,
the Crimea veteran.

Mr. C. H. Green, Secretary of
the Whampoa Conservancy
Board, Shanghai, returned from
home leave by the P. and O. S.
"Malwa."

Sir Frank Forbes Adam had a
slight paralytic stroke and has been
removed to hospital in London. It
is stated that there is at present no
cause for anxiety.

Admiral Sir Hugh Tophill has
been placed on the retired list at
his own request. He was Com-
mander-in-Chief of the East
Indies Squadron from 1919 to
1921.

Mr. Justice Martineau, Puisne
Judge of Lahore High Court,
died at the age of 85 at the In-
fectious Diseases Hospital,
Lahore, on November 28, from
an attack of small-pox.

The Board of Trustees of the
Chamber of Commerce at
Beverly Hills has announced to-
day that Will Rogers, former
cowboy actor and humorist, has
been elected mayor of that city.

Mr. Finn, representative of the
Hardeman Hat Company of Seat-
tle, has arrived in Shanghai after
a trip through Manchuria and
North China. After a few days
there he is planning to depart for
Java.

The "North China Daily News"
announces that Miss Frommel, who
was recently the victim of an attack
on the part of a former houseboy,
has left the Country Hospital and
is convalescing at the Shanghai
American School.

The condition of Dr. V. K. Ting,
has now greatly improved, and he
is now able to take food. Mean-
while, Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner
of Foreign Affairs, is acting as
Director of the Shanghai and Woo-
sung Port Development Bureau.

The War Office announces that
Major-General O'Dowda has been
appointed to command the Baluchis-
tan district in succession to Major-
General Sir Hastings Anderson,
who has been appointed Quar-
ter-master-General of the Forces.

Reminder: Hong Kong Police an-
nual ball at the City Hall to-morrow
night, commencing 9 o'clock.

Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.,
Mrs. Pearson and the Ward Room
officers of H.M.S. "Tamar" are
giving a dance on Wednesday,
January 26.

Sir Robert Horne has left for
India. He will visit Bombay,
Calcutta, Delhi and Rangoon
principally, but not solely, for
business purposes.

Mr. A. Brand Calder arrived
in Shanghai during the past week
to take the place of Mr. George
C. Howard, the American Trade
Commissioner, who is going to
the United States shortly on
leave. For some time past, Mr.
Calder has been attached to the
American Embassy in Tokyo as
Trade Commissioner.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. James Harper
Taggart, director of the Hong Kong
and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., residing
at the Repulse Bay Hotel, to Mrs.
Harry Turner, widow, of 738 Fell
Street, San Francisco, U.S.A., and
of Mr. Guy Athel Hayell, passen-
ger agent, Dollar Steamship Line,
residing at No. 4, Des Voeux Road,
to Miss Edith Amy Marsh, of No.
4 Des Voeux Road.

The latest recruit to the ranks
of the Globe Trotters is Miss Ellen
Broadbury, the 18-year old
daughter of Mr. Broadbury (known
as Mr. Frank Haytor on the turf),
of the staff of Messrs. Powell. Miss
Broadbury has taken part with the
Globe Trotters in some of the per-
formances which they have given
locally. In spite of her youth,
these were not the first appearances
of Miss Broadbury in public per-
formances, as she has travelled in
India and the East with her mother
and father as a trapeze and bare-
back rider.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

The battleship "Renown," which
will carry the Duke and Duchess
of York on their visit to New Zea-
land and Australia, will leave
Portsmouth on January 6. Four
destroyers and five flying boats will
accompany the cruiser as escort to
Saint Catherine's Joint, Isle of
Wight.—British Wireless Service.

Dr. F. R. Sayers has been ap-
pointed to act as Chief Health
Officer, Singapore.

Mrs. G. Stanley Lovett has ar-
rived in Singapore from Australia,
having recovered from her recent
illness.

Sir Ronald Ross has arrived at
Port Swettenham by steamer from
Singapore. He is the guest of Sir
Malcolm Watson at Klang.

At a committee meeting of the
Singapore branch of the Royal So-
ciety of St. George Mr. S. J.
Vincent, of the Commercial Union,
was elected hon. treasurer in place
of Mr. J. W. D. Harding, who has
resigned.

The visit of Sir Laurence Guille-
mard, Governor of the Straits
Settlements, to Siam has been pos-
tponed until the end of next year.
The visit was to have been paid at
the end of this month, but owing to
his Excellency's illness his medical
advisers deemed it advisable that it
should be postponed until the next
cool season.

The Aga Khan saw his Italian
wife, Theresa, in Paris, a few hours
before her unexpected death. A
Moslem religious ceremony was sub-
sequently held at which the Aga
Khan and the Persian Minister were
present. The body was embalmed
prior to its removal to Monaco,
where it was buried alongside her
child, which died in its infancy.

A study of hotels and methods
of operation of the Orient is be-
ing made by Mr. Don A. Goodwin,
well-known proprietor of the
Hotel Akron of Akron, Ohio, who
has arrived in Shanghai. Mr.
Goodwin, who is accompanied by his
wife and is bound for Port Said, is
an official of The Greeters, a na-
tional organisation of hotel owners
and employees in the United States.

At the Great Eastern Hotel,
Shanghai, Mr. R. J. Glendinning,
Chief Traffic Inspector of the
Shanghai-Nanking Railway, was en-
tertained to dinner by the train
guards, over 100 persons being as-
sembled to do honour to the guest
of the evening. Mr. Glendinning
will retire from the Shanghai-Nan-
king Railway after 21 years' service
at the end of the year and will re-
turn to Australia early in January.

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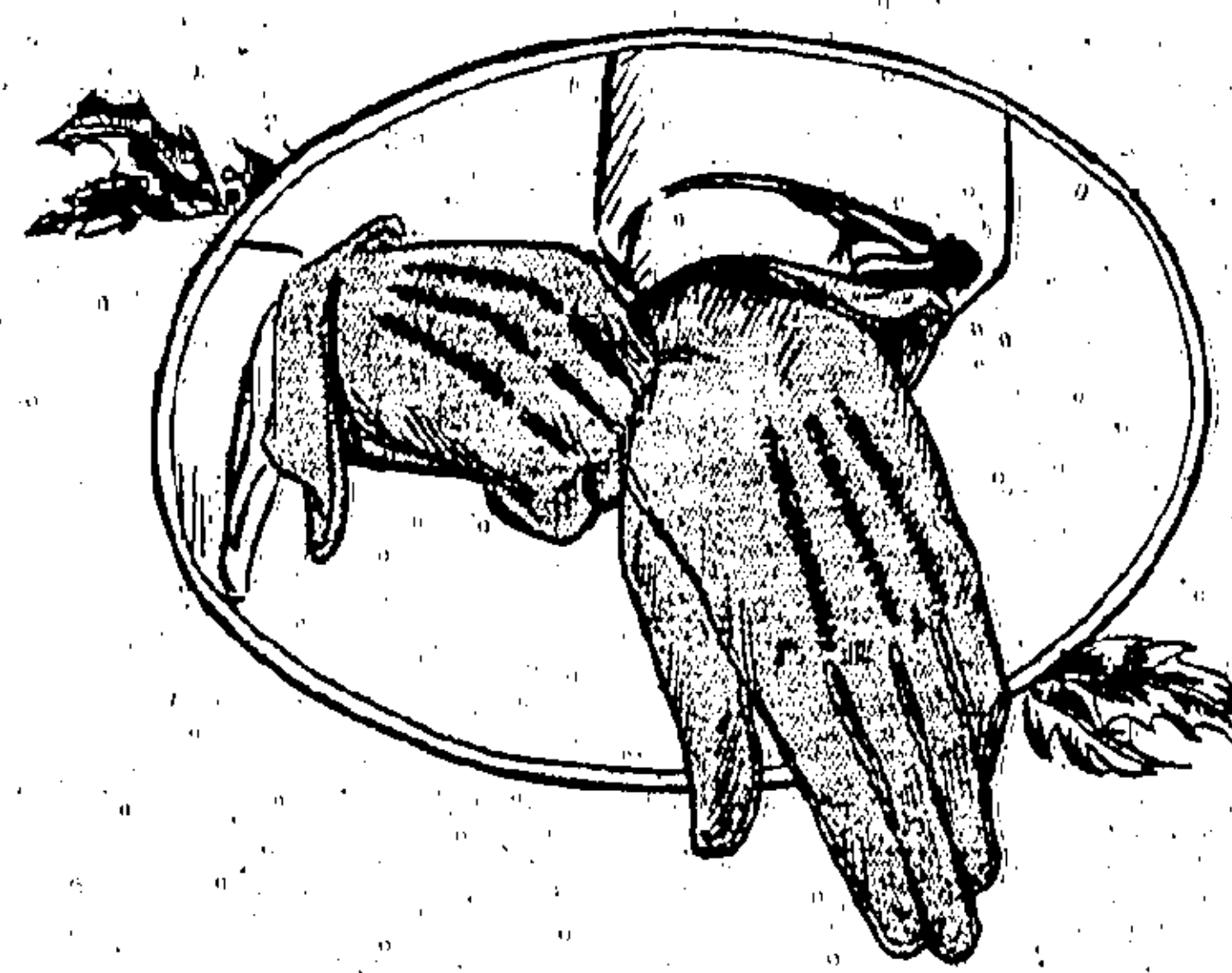
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SPORTS SECTION

NEW CHAMPION.

Boxing Tournament Last Night.

EWIN GETS MR. DYER'S BELT.

Rattling Contests at the H.K.B.A. Tournament.

Indications that last night's boxing would be full of thrills were fully borne out. Able Seaman Ewin adding to his "all victories" record in Hong Kong by forcing Stoker "Taff" Howard to retire in the 8th round of the (15 rounds) main event.

Efforts of Mr. J. Brook, the popular manager of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, to make the bill of as high a standard as possible were amply rewarded.

A "full house" at the Theatre Royal watched a tournament full of variety and Hong Kong "fans" had the opportunity of seeing the world's heavyweight amateur champion in action. Mr. Eddie Egan, the Oxford boxing Blue and Olympic Games winner, gave a rattling display, his adversary retiring in the 4th of a 6-round contest.

Ewin's Abilities.

Once more Ewin showed his ability to mix matters, receive punishment when necessary and to score at long range after seemingly at a disadvantage in close quarters. His neat footwork stood him in good stead and his ring generalship was also praiseworthy. At the right moment, he let himself go, had Howard in difficulties, paused for another round and then went on to hit his hardest.

Thus he won, for the first time the middleweight championship of the Colony and Mr. R. M. Dyer fastened on him the belt presented by himself (Mr. Dyer).

After seeing the display he gave last night, Ewin created a further desire among some to see him box Norman Morris, if necessary at catchweights.

Coming as he did with such a great reputation, Taff Howard disappointed, not as a thrill-provider, but as a potential champion.

Swinging v. Hitting.

At in-fighting, he was Ewin's superior. That he was game cannot be doubted. But there was just that difference in his attack that made his blows seem more like wasteful swings than clean scoring hits.

From the first going Howard (156 lbs.) went for Ewin (151 lbs.) in determined fashion. Howard took the first two rounds but Ewin sent him to the ropes in the third, when he sat on the ropes for a count of 8.

After that Howard became in accurate, both in direction in precision but he did not slacken the pace and had Ewin cornered.

The 5th saw Howard make for in-fighting but Ewin knocked him down for 8 seconds in the 6th. Howard counter-attacked gamely in the 7th but was down three times in the 8th before he gave up.

Ewin won another deserved championship for H.M.S. "Hermes."

Egan's Good Show.

Making for the point, the body, and both alternately, Mr. Eddie Egan (178 lbs.) mixed his punches to good purpose against Stoker Addison (170 lbs.), H.M.S. "Hermes."

Egan led sometimes with the left, on other occasions with the right and then changed over to two-handed work in such a manner as to recall a story of Joe Gans, a negro who was once among the world champions. Gans' opponent was another negro, whom Gans delighted in hitting through many weary rounds; only on the nose and nowhere else.

In desperation, the other man held Gans by both arms and implored: "Mr. Gans, mix your shots, mix your shots!"

That, however, is by the way. Egan fought as a champion should and Addison made a brave fight against odds. Egan's hard hitting was a treat to watch.

Science v. Rushes.

Perhaps the most interesting of the 6-round preliminaries was that between Marine Hills (124½ lbs.), H.M.S. "Hermes," a "southpaw," and Corporal McManus (121½ lbs.), H.M.S. "Hawkins," an Imperial Services champion.

The last time Hills won on points and last night he secured another convincing victory but clever footwork, a sound defence, the time-honoured straight left (which was really a right in this case), and by keeping his head. On falling to outbox Hills, McManus, bored, in

WAR DEBTS.

University Proposals Criticised.

STATEMENT INOPPORTUNE.

United States Considerate Creditor.

Washington, Dec. 21.

A decidedly unfavourable undertone of opinion is expressed in political circles towards the Columbia University's war debts proposals.

The Republicans and Democrats join in protesting that the United States is a considerate creditor and that the statement is inopportune, particularly in view of M. Poincaré's difficulty in getting the war debt settlement ratified.

The New York World considers that the Allies might be more lenient to Germany before contemplating any further revision of their obligations to America.—Reuter's American Service.

"Courageous Document."

London, Dec. 21.

Commenting on the Columbia University war debt memorandum, the "Daily Telegraph" declares that it is a most courageous document, and emphasises that any conference called by the United States, "and no other power would think of calling it," would naturally be welcomed by the debtor nations.

"We are confident that the appeal, which is based on a large, generous view of a very complex situation, will make steady headway. It is only its progress which is in doubt."

The New York newspapers are giving the manifesto a foremost place, thus calling national attention to the topic hitherto left almost exclusively in the hands of the Government.

The "New York Times" declares, "The penetrating study of the entire matter by the Columbia authorities should be set down as an event which will have great influence in changing the mental attitude and altering the international policy of the American people."

"Times" View.

The London "Times" recognises that the general conference advocated by the Faculty of Political Science of Columbia University could hardly approach the question of the war debts with-

out re-opening the matter of reparations and throwing pot the fundamental provisions of the Versailles Treaty and the settlements made under it.

The paper considers the real value of the memorandum lies in the evidence it affords that a section of educated opinion in the Eastern States accepts the views and arguments continuously pressed upon America by her European creditors.—Reuter.

[A New York message of Dec. 19 stated that the Political Science faculty of Columbia University had issued a long memorandum contending that war debts settlements are unsound and foster a deep sense of grievance against the United States. The faculty advocated complete reconsideration of debts and reparations in an international conference.]

ROYAL MINT REPORT

3,500,000 SOVEREIGNS STRUCK LAST YEAR.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

The annual report of the Deputy Master of the Comptroller of the Royal Mint shows that during the year 1925-3,500,000 sovereigns were struck.

It is made clear, however, that they were not for internal use. Our gold reserves, says the Comptroller, although sufficient to justify the return to the gold standard, are not enough to make possible the substitution of gold for notes in circulation.

Nor is he aware that apart from sentiment any very serious desire has been evinced for such a change.

He points out also that the State has already borne the charge of £1,000,000 for wear and tear of old gold coinage since it undertook the duty of replacement as a recognised policy.—British Wireless Service.

QUAKE DESTROYS TOWN.

Guayaquil, Dec. 21.

The town of Carlosama, in Colombia, has been destroyed by an earthquake.

Mount Cumbal is believed to be erupting.—Reuter's American Service.

MEXICAN BANDIT RAID.

El Rio, Texas, Dec. 21.

Bandits raided a British-owned ranch 90 miles south of the Mexican border and have driven off several hundred horses and thousands of cattle.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW CRUISERS.

MAKING AMERICA'S NAVY EFFICIENT.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 21.

Coincidentally with the move in Congress to give immediate consideration to Mr. Butler's Bill, President Coolidge has emphasised that it is unnecessary to begin forthwith the construction of the cruisers.

The decision to include them in the building programme followed a conference between President Coolidge and Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy.

The Cabinet is persuaded that the construction of the cruisers will render the Fleet an efficient fighting unit.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Butler's Bill merely outlines the naval construction programme and does not appropriate requisite funds.—Reuter's American Service.

[A Bill was introduced by Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee for the construction of ten cruisers at a cost of £3,000,000 each. The Bill was favourably reported to the House of Representatives.]

AERIAL TRAVEL.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

Preparations are complete for the departure of the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, whose flight to India will inaugurate the new Egypt-India air route.

The projected flight, on which Lady Hoare will accompany him, will commence on December 27. Although Karachi will be the terminus of the regular route to be operated in the spring, Sir Samuel Hoare will fly on to Delhi.

The biplane in which he will travel is similar to the two others designed for the service, the first of which arrived yesterday at Naples. The second, after a good flight from Croydon, reached Marseilles yesterday afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Borah declared that the Comptroller General's report, cabled yesterday, disclosed the worst system of looting ever known; and predicted a Senate investigation after Christmas.—Reuter's American Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Settlement Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/11 1/4	1/11 1/4	1/11 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	8 1/4	8 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1130 s	1120b 1125 s	1135 s
do. London	2115 s	2115 s	2145 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	221 s	221 s	—
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	230 3/4 n	230 3/4 n	—
do.	213 1/2 n	213 1/2 n	—
P. & O. Bank	209 1/2 n	210 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	80 s	76 b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	640 b	640b 650 s	640 b
China Underwriters	145 n	140 n	120 b
North China Insurance	145 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	290 n	290 n	290
Yangtze Insurance	245 M n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 1/2 b	28 b 29 s	28 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	26 b	26 s	27 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	14 n	24 n	1 1/2 s
Indo-China (Pref.)	32 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b	40 n	40 s
Shell Transports	90 1/2 n	90 1/2 b	90 1/2 n
Star Ferries	60 n	57 b 58 s	57 b
Water-boats	15 1/2 b	15 n	15 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25 s	23 1/2 b 24 1/2 s	23 1/2 b
Malabon Sugars	35 n	35 s	35 n
Mining.			
Benguet	140 s x d	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	42 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	24 1/2 b	24 b	24 b
do. (Single)	11 1/4 n	11 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	78 n	8 n	—
Raub	4 1/2 n	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	115 n	111 b	111 n
H.K. & W. Docks	45 s	40 s 42 1/2 s	44 s
Hongkows	170 n	170 n	170 n
New Engineering	154 n	5 1/2 b 5 3/4 s	5 s
Shanghai Docks	117 s	110 b 112 s	113 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	9 1/4 s	9 n	9 s
Hongkong Lands	57 s	55 s	55 1/2 s
Hongkong Realty	6 1/2 b	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial	3 s	3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 s	14 s	14 s
Prince's Building	80 n	77 s	—
Rural Lands	15 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7 1/2 b 9 1/4 s	8 1/2 b 9 s	9 s
Oriental	2 1/4 s	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	2 1/2 b	5 b	54 n
do. (new)	2 1/2 b	28 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	11 s	9 b	9 1/2 s
do. (old)	9 n	8 n	8 s
do. (new)	2 n	2 n	1 1/2 s
China Buses	9 1/2 b	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	17 1/4 s	16 1/2 b 17 1/2 s	17 s
do. (old)	10 1/2 s	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 s
do. (new)	10 s	9 b	9 s
China Prov.	18 1/2 n	5 1/2 s	5 s
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 n	18 1/4 n	18 1/2 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	16 b	14 s	16 n
H.K. Constructions	190 b	180 b	190 b
Hongkong Electrics	57 1/2 n	56 b 57 s	56 1/4 s
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/4 b 22 s	21 1/4 s 21 7/16 s	22 s
Lane, Crawford's	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	9 n	8 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9 1/2 b	9 1/2 s
Singapore Trams	15 1/2 s	10 1/2 b	12 1/2 s
Taxis	2 s	1 s	80 Cts. s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	13 s
Watsons	13 n	13 1/4 s	13 s
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
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On New York	48 1/2
On demand	48 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	48 1/2
On Bombay	189 1/2
On demand	189 1/2
On Calcutta	189 1/2
On demand	189 1/2
On Singapore	68 1/2
On demand	68 1/2
On Shanghai	94
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On Yokohama	nom.
On demand	nom.
On Hongkong	nom.
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LONDON EXCHANGE.

London, 22nd December 1926.	
Paris	187 1/2
New York	48 1/2
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Amsterdam	12 1/2
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Stockholm	20 1/2
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Oslo	18 1/2
Vienna	34 1/2
Hamburg	18 1/2
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Madrid	21 1/2
Lisbon	3 1/2
Bombay	48 1/2
Calcutta	18 1/2
Rangoon	18 1/2
Singapore	18 1/2
Batavia	18 1/2
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Shanghai	18 1/2
Hankow	18 1/2
Tientsin	18 1/2
Peking	18 1/2
Harbin	18 1/2
Manchuria	18 1/2
Korea	18 1/2
Japan	18 1/2
China	18 1/2
India	18 1/2
Australia	18 1/2
South Africa	18 1/2
Europe	18 1/2
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Asia	18 1/2
Oceania	18 1/2
Africa	18 1/2
Antarctica	18 1/2

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the Medical Officer of Health, was as follows:—
Diphtheria: 2 cases (1 from city, 1 from Kowloon), 2 deaths.
Enteric fever (typhoid): 8 cases from the city, 3 deaths.
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People and Events in the News of the World



Policeman Frank Murphy is shown bringing to Police headquarters a dummy fire hydrant. Merchants have placed them in front of their stores to discourage parking.



Romanians in their belief in the great Queen Marie as she left the Roumanian Greek Orthodox Church in Philadelphia, where she attended services.



Scenes like this are becoming common since Marines have been assigned to guard American mails. The idea might be adopted with parcels from Britain to Hong Kong following the complaint of a lady who recently received only an empty hat box.

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Mrs. Minna Clarke, Sunday school teacher, is shown in court at Somerville with her husband (left). Mrs. Clarke was accused of being an accessory to the Hall-Mills murder. All the accused were acquitted.



Miss Sophie Hillman, former secretary to the alien property custodian, was called as a witness in the conspiracy trial in New York of Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney-General, and Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian. The jury disagreed and were discharged.



Prince Nicholas of Roumania was fingerprinted by Police Commissioner McLaughlin when he visited the New York Police Headquarters.



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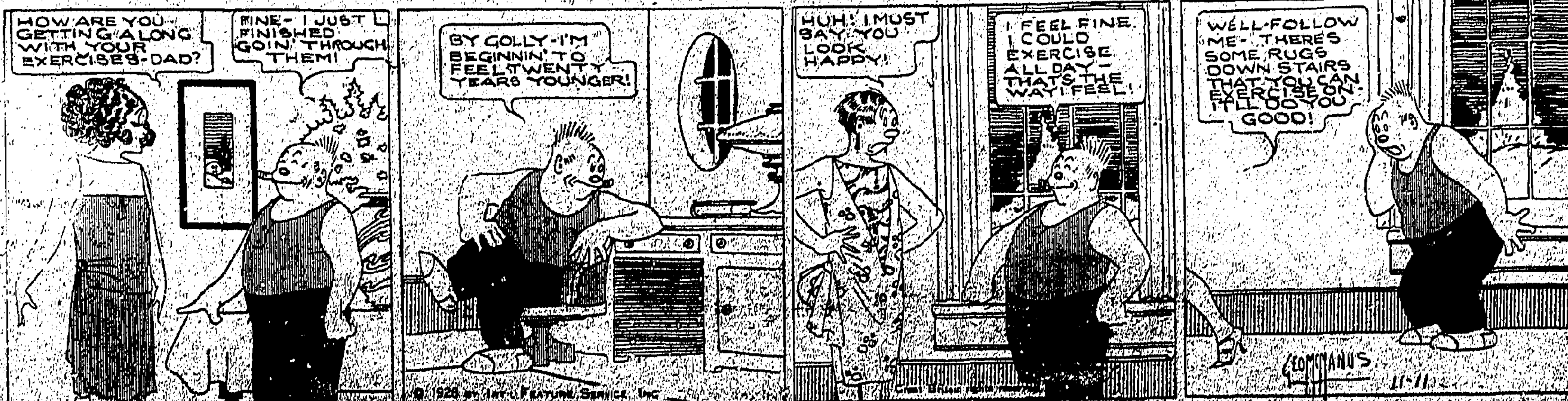
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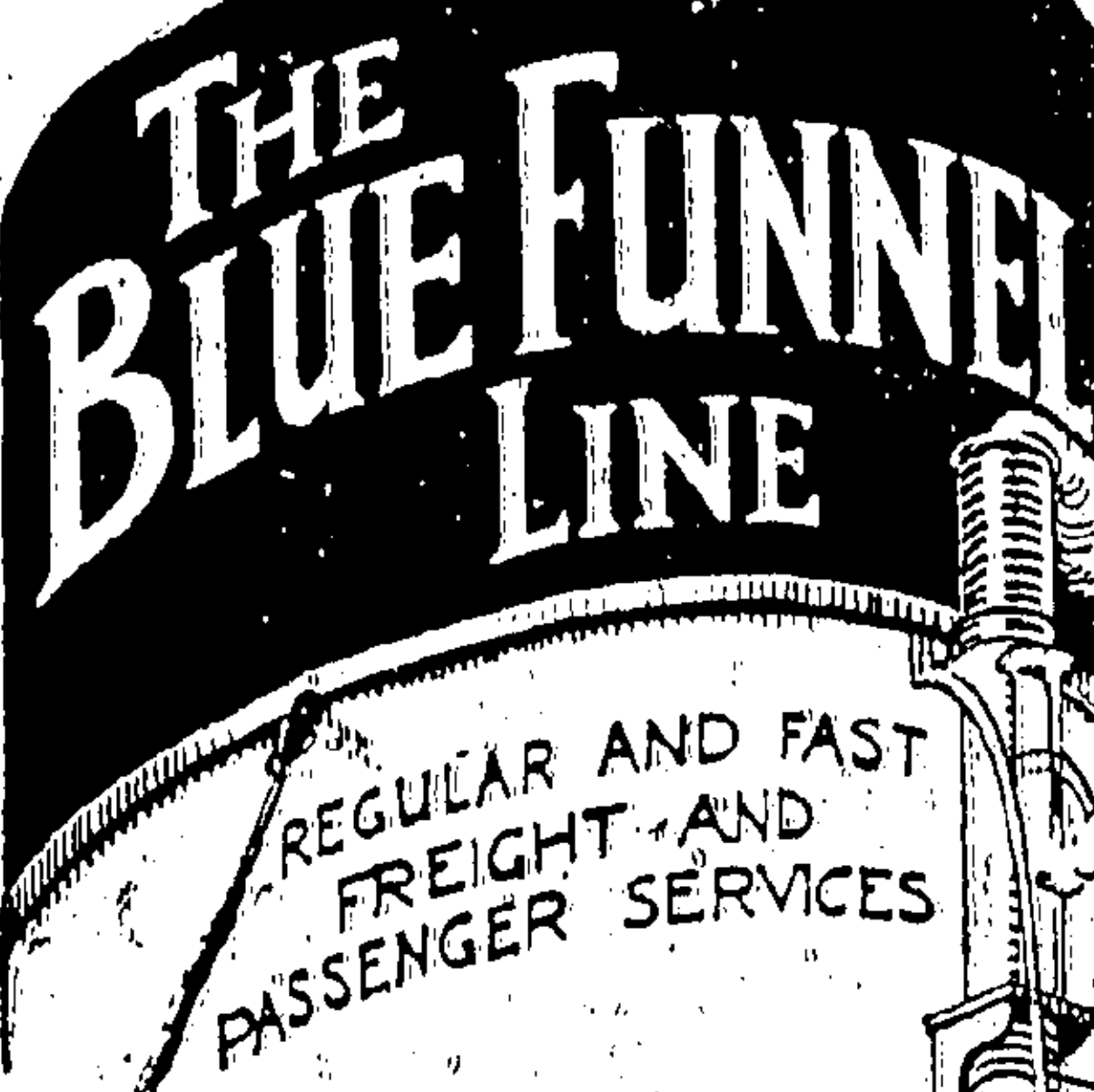
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Manila, Pres. Jefferson 5.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due
 Thursday Island 3rd Jan. 1927.
 Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa
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 Saigon, 2.30 p.m.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

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 Swatow, Amoy and Focchow
 Sandakan, 10.30 a.m.
 Bangkok, 11.30 a.m.
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 Marseilles 2nd Jan. 1927.
 —Ship sails on Kungchow Day, the
 5th inst. at noon. (Paros, 3
 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters
 6 p.m.)

Shanghai, Khiva, Szechuen, 5 p.m.
 Szechuen, 5 p.m.
 Empress of Canada, 8 a.m.
 Huei, 8 a.m.
 Namsang, 9 a.m.
 DECEMBER 25.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Swatow and Bangkok
 Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via
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"SUNNING" PIRACY.

The Magistrate and a Defendant.

"DEEPER IN THE MIRE."

Another Prisoner Released Yesterday.

At the commencement of the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, Mr. Lo, who had only been instructed to defend the 8th. accused on Monday said that he felt it only right that he should briefly outline his defence as far as his new client was concerned. His Worship concurring, Mr. Lo referred to the evidence against the 8th defendant and outlined the story of the accused man, indicating that his defence would be one of mistaken identity, the 8th defendant having been in his cabin seasick until finally ordered to the bridge deck by the pirates in charge of the 2nd class quarters. The Crown Solicitor then called Choi Yam, who said that he was a tallyman on the "Sunning." Witness was collecting tickets when three or four armed men rushed on the scene. He saw the 1st defendant go into a cabin and come out later with a quantity of money. The same man appeared to be directing operations. Witness saw him later smoking opium in cabin No. 16. The 2nd accused, who carried a pistol, was also carrying a quantity of money from some of the cabins. Witness went on to say that he went to the forecabin where he remained until after the lifeboats had left. The following morning he saw the 7th accused tied up. Later he saw several other men tied by the Naval men who had arrived from H.M.S. "Bluebell." He heard several of the prisoners claim to be discharged members of the crew of the "Ching On." He distinctly remembered hearing the 16th defendant say to the 7th defendant "You have nothing to fear, you did not rob, you are not a pirate."

Cross-Examination.—In reply to the first defendant, witness said that he saw a quantity of money being brought from the accountant's room. 1st accused: Who brought it out?—I saw you yourself directing some of your men and two of the ship's boys. 1st accused: What was I wearing?—At first you were wearing a long coat. Afterwards you changed into a riding coat which you took from the baggage of one of the passengers. His Worship: You know your cross-examination is only getting you deeper into the mire? 1st accused: I don't mind it being taken down.

His Worship: Oh, I see. You don't mind incriminating yourself more?

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that everyone was saying that the 7th accused had had his purse taken from him by the pirates.

Mr. Lo: Did you hear that he had recovered his purse from one of the wounded men?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: As far as you know, was that the only reason why he was tied up?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Do you know why the 16th defendant was tied up?—He was speaking to No. 7 some time afterwards.

Mr. Lo: Do you know who were the passengers in No. 16 cabin?—I saw the 1st defendant there. He was smoking opium. I could not see the whole of the interior of the cabin.

Re-examined by Mr. Holmes, witness said that he could not now identify the 18th defendant. He had picked him out at the identification parade, but could not identify him now.

His Worship: Do you mean that you must have been mistaken?

The Crown Solicitor said that he could offer no further evidence against the 18th accused and his Worship ordered his discharge.

Many More Witnesses.

His Worship asked the Crown Solicitor whether there was any possibility of finishing the case before Christmas. Mr. Holmes said that he would be calling twenty-four more witnesses, including the Chief Engineer, who had now sufficiently recovered to be able to give evidence. The Crown would also be calling the Captain, Superintendent of Police and Mr. King, the Director of Criminal Investigation who went out on H.M.S. "Vindictive" to take charge of the prisoners. Mr. Lo said that in view of the length of the proceedings and the desirability of concluding them as soon as possible, it would, in his opinion, be advisable if his Worship devoted his whole time and attention to the case, leaving smaller matters to the other magistrates. Mr. Lindsell said that he would consider Mr. Lo's suggestion.

LABOUR VICTORY.

LATEST HOME BY-ELECTION RESULT.

London, Dec. 21.—The by-election at Smethwick due to the resignation of the Labour M.P. Mr. J. E. Davidson resulted in the Labour candidate, Mr. Oswald Mosley, polling 16,077 votes, the Conservative Mr. Marshall Pyke 9,495 and the Liberal Mr. Edwen Bayliss 2,600.—Reuter.

New York, Dec. 21.—The death roll in the capsized launch is now ascertained to be thirty-three.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE BAD BLOOD.

Court Martial Verdict Feeling.

GERMANY INDIGNANT.

"Undoing Locarno's Good Work."

Paris, Dec. 21.—The court martial into the French and German affair at Gernersheim on September 27 when two French soldiers collided with several Germans, one of whom, Mueller, was killed, and another, Mathes, was wounded by shots from the French, has resulted in the French Lieutenant Rouzier being acquitted. Mathes has been sentenced to two years in default and minor sentences have been passed on five other Germans.

"Travesty of Justice."

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The news of the verdict of the Gernersheim affair has been received here with great indignation in official quarters and is described as a travesty of justice.

It is asserted that all the weight of evidence was against the plea that Rouzier was provoked, and the death of the German Mueller is described as cold blooded murder.

The verdict is certain to arouse considerable feelings in Germany, and responsible quarters fear it will undo a great deal of the good work started at Locarno for the improvement of Franco-German relations.—Reuter.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

RAILWAY AND AIRWAY BOOKINGS.

BIG INCREASE THIS YEAR.

Rugby, Dec. 21.—A feature of this Christmas, according to reports from the railway companies is the great increase of bookings to seaside resorts.

The practice of spending the winter festival at the seaside has been developing rapidly during the past eight or ten years.

The railways to the Continent are also experiencing what are described as phenomenal bookings.

The services both to Paris and Germany are being augmented as far as is possible, and a whole fleet of air liners will be brought into use.

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